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Rincover Elected By Close Margin

Neil B. Rincover was elected Associated Students president last Thursday after capturing five notes over the required number to avoid a run-off.

Ending in a flurry of charges and counter charges, the election returns were delayed several hours for the office of president and until Tuesday for A.W.S. president as the A.S. Supreme Court ruled on the allegations.

Rincover was charged by Marcella Trujillo with violation of section V of the election codes which pertains to the handling of ballots and with violation of section VII which pertains to campaigning too close to a polling place.

On the charge of handling the ballot boxes, the court ruled there was no violation since Rincover was performing his job as commissioner of elections and had no contact with the ballots.

The charge of campaigning too close to a polling place was directed at Ramona Adami, an election committee member working on one of the poles, who was said to have solicited votes for Rincover.

Following Adami's denial of the charge, the court ruled Rincover could not be held responsible for the actions of someone outside his election committee.

Charges of election code violations were brought against both A.W.S. presidential candidates.

Kathy Burmiester, who was eventually elected by receiving 270 of the 470 votes cast, was charged with leaving campaign material on a polling table.

The court ruled that since the material was face down there was no violation.

Allan Carley in a lengthy complaint brought charges against both Cookie Futterman, A.W.S. presidential candidate, and indirectly against Rincover.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT ELECT Neil Rincover is congratulated by fiancee Arlene Meyers on his victory at the polls. Rincover received 245 votes, avoiding a run-off election by a margin of five votes.

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Carley charged Futterman with campaigning too close to the poles and charged that Cathy McNeil, an election committee member working at one of the poles, had actively solicited votes for both Futterman and Rincover.

On the charge involving McNeil the court ruled the candidates could not be held responsible but added that McNeil be barred from any further activity on the election committee.

The charges against Futterman was referred to the Election Committee which met Tuesday and held she was not guilty.

After the court concluded Thursday the ballots were counted for the office of president. At that time Rincover with 245 votes had a three vote margin over the 50 percent plus one number needed. Rosalie Ornelaz was next with 130, Michael Walter received 55, and Robert Glass received 52.

On Friday Ornelaz called for a recount citing the large number of ballots which had to be hand counted after the computer run. The result of the recount late Friday was a loss of one vote for Ornelaz and two for Glass, giving Rincover a five vote margin.

In the other contested races, William Sides, running against Fred Rosen, was elected commissioner of elections receiving 242 of the 408 votes cast, and Mark Seigel, running against Steve Pearson, was elected commissioner of scholastic activities after receiving 217 of the 394 votes.

In the unopposed races Farhad Garagozlou was returned to office as vice president, receiving 315 of the 382 votes cast; Anna Winicki was elected commissioner of social activities, receiving 298 out of 407 cast; Barry Silverman was elected chief justice, receiving 327 out of 390 cast; and Marcy Meyer was elected treasurer, receiving 331 of the 387 cast.

Daniel Smith was elected to the

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Official Departs Position

By DAVID ADAMS
Staff Writer

How does one express what being A.S. president is like? Barring the superlatives that some may inject, Bruce Buffington, 29-year-old A.S. president, said, "it was a great experience but I wouldn't want to do it again."

Buffington said that he did not run for re-election because his grades had suffered, and it dented his financial livelihood. He said that he spent so much time with A.S. involvements that he didn't have time to attend his classes on a regular basis as well as go to work.

While in office, the Buffington administration has accomplished many things. Some of these accomplishments are: an A.S. member as State Chairman of the California Community College Student Government Association, his presidency of the Red Cross Blood Counsel, the opening of the Recreation Room, and the construction of the swimming pool which is to begin next year.

Buffington was also instrumental in the manifestation of the Ethnic Committee as a result of Black student's problems on campus. However, he says, "this culminated to the point where Mexicans and Chicanos wanted to have a voice in matters involving them, thus transcending to a people problem."

Buffington considers Dr. Alice J. Thurston and her staff to be "the best administration at any community college or even some universities." Buffington also said that the administration has been responsive and has had good rapport with the students.

He felt that "there should be a conference held after every school year for the three forces to partake in some progressive colloquy."

Such a convocation can only evolve if student participation increases. He said, "the most excruciating problem on this campus is student apathy."

In addition, Buffington said that he would like to see more structures like the Campus Center built for the students.

Buffington said of Neil Rincover, new A.S. president, that "from past performances he would not hire him."

Buffington and Rincover have had conflicting views on several issues throughout the semester. Buffington opposed Rincover's approach to the cafeteria boycott, saying he had not done enough research on the matter.

He said he will continue his involvement with the Red Cross and the Senior Citizens Organization.

Buffington also stressed continued involvement with campus activities and organizations. One specific program which he is optimistic about is the Outreach Program. Getting night students involved in campus activities in another objective that Buffington will pursue.

Buffington said he plans to be a member of the State Senate. In his final statement as A.S. president he said, "I've been fair and honest."

A.S. Recalls Boycott After Cafeteria Reduces Prices

By RAY RICHMOND
Staff Writer

The controversial cafeteria boycott, which began Nov. 19, was unanimously rescinded in a move by Executive A.S. Council last Tuesday.

Neil Rincover, A.S. Council president-elect for spring, proposed the move. "The powers that be in the cafeteria have shown that they can cooperate by lowering prices on several items during the previous month," stated Rincover. "They have given a clear indication that they will work on keeping the prices low and the food quality high in the future."

The purpose of the boycott, sponsored by A.S. Council, was to force the cafeteria into lowering prices which council felt were much too high. It was also hoped that a boycott would force cafeteria manager Jim Loss to improve the quality of LAVC cafeteria food, which council felt was below par. Although food preparation was not witnessed, it was observed that the cafe carried mostly major brands in their stock.

"I'm glad that student government has finally done something concrete for the students," added Rincover. "It's been a long time coming, and I hope it is an indication of things to come."

Mark Siegal, Commissioner of Records, worked on the boycott throughout, and drew congratulations from A.S. President Bruce Buffington, as well as all other members of Council, for a job well done in helping engineer the boycott.

Cafeteria manager Loss spoke in defense of the cafeteria. "The cafeteria food is of the best quality, and for the selection the students have, I think the prices can be regarded as popular and competitive."

New Insurance Plan Slated For Students

A new health insurance policy may soon be available to Valley College students at a discount rate, according to Associated Students President Bruce Buffington.

The cost of the policy would be included in the price of the Student Activity Card (paid ID). Buffington feels the program will encourage increased ID sales.

The policy would cover students while attending school and at various co-curricular activities. The cost would be $1.25 per semester and 75 cents per summer session for each student who wishes to be covered.

Buffington stated these rates could be lowered further if the policy is accepted on a district-wide basis. "If all nine colleges in the (Los Angeles Community College) District use this policy, it might cost only $1 per student," said Buffington.

A larger number of policies sold, he explained, would bring about a lowering of rates for individual students.

As described in the policy, the Neiiendam/Hancock Insurance Agency, Inc. would "pay the usual and reasonable expenses actually incurred within 52 weeks from the initial date of such injury (Injuries covered are described in the policy) not to exceed in the aggregate for all such injuries resulting from any one accident to a maximum of $10,-000."

Buffington feels that the policy is reasonably priced considering the amount of coverage provided. He would like to receive feedback from students and faculty about the plan.

Hughes Chosen Star S'76 Editor

John Hughes, current associate news editor of the Valley Star, has been named Editor-in-Chief of Star for Spring '76 by the five journalism advisors, Leo Garapedian, Steven Grossman, Edward A. Irwin, Henry A. Lalane and William Payden.

Hughes, a 24 year old journalism major in his third semester at Valley, was chosen for the position last Tuesday.

"This year selecting the editor-in-chief was one of the hardest jobs we've had to do," commented Irwin. "At least six highly qualified candidates applied for the position."

Irwin continued, "We feel that Hughes will be an excellent editor. He's already shown an outstanding writing ability and that he can get things done."

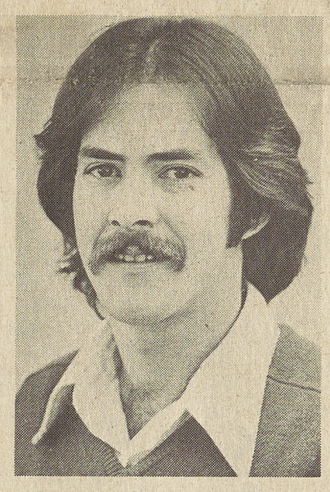
Hughes will announce his staff early in January.

"I'm looking for people who are willing to devote the time required to keep up the high standards set by past Star staffs," said Hughes. "The people chosen for editorial positions must consistently put out high quality material and show leadership ability."

Raised in California, Hughes was graduated from James Monroe High School in Sepulveda. He attended Pierce for one semester and left school to enlist in the Navy.

After three years in the service, Hughes returned to school on the G.I. bill.

"I came to Valley because of the department and Star's fine reputation," he said. "It has been my goal from my first semester to be editor-in-chief."



JOHN HUGHES

Along with being associate news editor, Hughes is also active in Beta Phi Gamma, the national honorary journalistic fraternity, and was on the Dean's List for two semesters, with a 4.0 GPA.

He plans to graduate from Valley next semester, and hopes to obtain a scholarship to USC.

"My goal is to work in the field of newspaper journalism," Hughes commented. "I feel that Star is providing me with a good background in the field.

Linda McCarthy, current Star editor-in-chief said, "John has done an excellent job on Star this semester. I'm certain he and his staff will produce a fine newspaper."

Campus Rep Considered By Trustees

A conference to determine and possibly appoint a representative student to a position on the Board of Trustees committee of the whole will be conducted by vice-chancellor John McCuen at Valley College tomorrow afternoon at 1:30.

The Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees is cooperating with nine community colleges in the area to become more student-oriented.

Representatives from all nine community colleges will attend the meeting in competition for the appointment. The appointment will be for a six-month trial period.

Associated Students President Bruce Buffington plans to nominate A.S. Chief Justice Jeffery J. DeNicholas for the position. "The student will have to stick to the issues and be aware of the nine community colleges' needs. He will have no voting power but will have an insight as to the government and operations of the board," said Buffington.

"This is a step in the right direction for the students to gain a voice on the board. Currently there is no voice. Though this appointment will not give voting power it is a vital link between the student body and the community. There is a strong need for responsible representation of the student body. I believe DeNicholas is the man for the job," stated Buffington.

The board recognizes the need for representation and is making an effort to curtail possible future problems by using preventive methods such as the appointment of a student on the committee of the whole.

Senator Criticizes Redevelopment Plan

By EDWARD CRANSTON
Staff Writer

"If the downtown plan goes through I feel the valley will be forced to secede," said State Senator Alan Robbins (D-20th Dist.) as he gave Mayor Bradley's Redevelopment plan another tongue lashing here last Thursday.

The plan, which is described by its advocates as being the way in which to rid the center city area of physical and moral decay, has been termed by its opponents as a $4.6 billion "rip-off."

The major derogatory part of the plan encouraging opposition is the way in which the money to finance the program is raised, according to Robbins.

The method, known as tax-increment funding, freezes the rate of assessed valuation on property which has been declared "blighted" by City Council ordinance.

A Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) receives all tax dollars exceeding the freeze line to finance the various renewal projects.

Sceptics of the plan fear that monies going to the CRA will have to be replaced by increasing taxes.

Opponents feel this is unreasonable considering that such prosperous establishments as the Times-Mirror Building and the ARCO Towers are residents of the "blighted" area.

On the same day of the senator's appearance on campus, Mayor Bradley proposed a moratorium on the multi-million or possibly billion dollar plan, and suggested that a citizen's advisory committee be established to investigate the adverse charges being made against the project.

The committee would consist of 23 "non-political" people. Each of the 15 city councilmen would appoint one member apiece. Three members of the (CRA) would be chosen by the city council and the mayor would appoint the other five members and designate the chairperson.

Charging that the resulting committee formed under this selection process would be extremely biased, Robbins responded to the mayor's proposal by saying that it would be "about as good as if Nixon had appointed an independent committee to investigate Watergate."

Questioning Robbins' stand against the mayor's proposed committee, ASO President Bruce Buffington asked how he (Robbins) would select the members.

"Let the Board of Supervisors appoint the committee," replied Robbins, who went on to suggest that

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PITFALLS OF THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN are pointed out by Senator Alan Robbins (D-20th Dist.) in his recent guest lecture here. Robbins feels that the Valley area will be forced to secede from Los Angeles County if the plan goes into effect.

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Proposal Endangers 'Recreation' Funding

By KEVIN GRABLE
City Editor

A proposal recently submitted to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors would eliminate all state funding for "recreational classes." Which classes would be defined as recreational has not yet been determined.

In a conference with editors from college newspapers, Virginia Mulrooney, executive secretary of the American Federation of Teachers College Guild, Local 1521, explained the cuts would probably eliminate state funding for one in seven classes now taught at California Community Colleges.

This move is seen by officials of the Guild as an attempt to increase state control over the class offerings of local community colleges. If the state doesn't finance certain classes, individual college districts may have to eliminate the courses or increase "materials fees" to make up the difference.

Dr. Hy Weintraub, president of the Guild's Community College Council, said the Guild opposes all fees. "We believe in free public higher education," he said.

According to Weintraub, there has been a movement on the state level for years toward charging fees and maybe, eventually, tuition.

The 104 community colleges in the state cannot by law charge for credit classes, but high material fees (up to $160 now at Los Angeles Trade Technical College) have been suggested.

If the proposal is passed by the Board of Governors and approved by the legislature, there are four options open to local districts, according to Ms. Mulrooney: 1. Reduce local costs by hiring more part-time teachers, 2. Set limits on the number of students, 3. Charge fees, or 4. Increase revenue by raising local property taxes.

Dr. Alice J. Thurston, Valley College president, also sees this as a move toward tuition and increased state control.

"The state chancellor (Sidney Brossman) will be making decisions

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STAR EDITORIALS

Concept of Peace Idealistic

"Chestnuts roasting on an open fire" . . . These popular lyrics envision a traditional Christmas, sitting comfortably in our homes, surrounded by loved ones, enjoying the holiday festivities.

This is how the American holiday season is pictured, filled with peace, contentment, and security. We would like to believe it were true, but this concept is idealistic and unreal.

There are a multitude of Americans who dream of a happy Yuletide, but due to individual circumstances, they form a dismal attitude toward the holidays.

We must reflect and evaluate our real feelings and motivations, looking to our hearts for the meaning of the holiday season.

What is the true spirit of giving? Have we become so comfortable and wrapped up in our lives that we forget there are others less fortunate.

Christmas's propanda shows us an optimistic image; Santa Claus, smiling faces, Frosty the Snowman, brotherhood and love.

Unfortunately, this seemingly well-meaning brotherly love has created a serious problem around Christmas time. Depression, a social economic disease which seems to affect mostly the poor and lonely, is the main cause for a high suicide rate.

Those most victimized by depression include senior citizens forgotten in homes for the aged, institutionalized persons, hospital patients, ghetto barrio and orphaned children.

If we ask ourselves what is the solution, the answer is simple; giving—the gift of love.

Personal Understanding Sought

For the handicapped students at Valley College the short flight of steps leading into a building or the closed door at the end of a corridor have a special meaning.

They are an obstacle and a constant reminder to their attempt to normalize their lives.

While others casually weave their way through crowds or cut across a lawn to save time, there are many for whom these acts are impossible.

Yet how many students are aware of this?

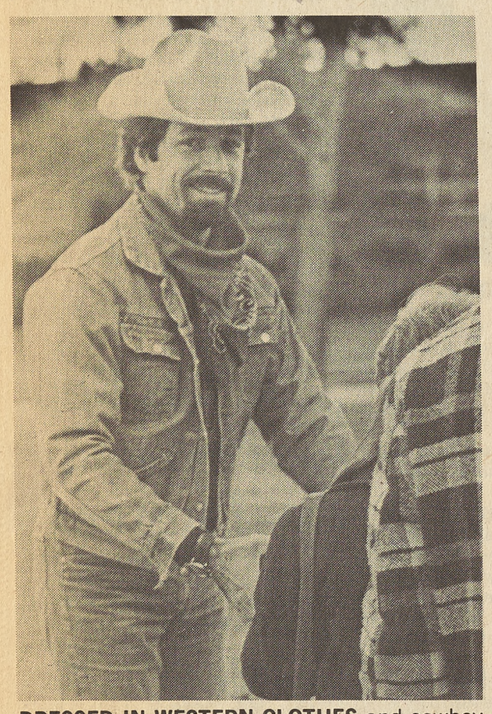
On Jan., 6, six A.S. council members will attempt to gain a personal understanding of the problems faced by the handicapped students. Organized by Steven Katz, evening division commissioner, the council members will tour the campus while confined to wheelchairs.

Billed as Handicapped Awareness Day, the goal of this group is not only to gain personal information, but hopefully to act as an example to the rest of the student body by demonstrating the need to understand.

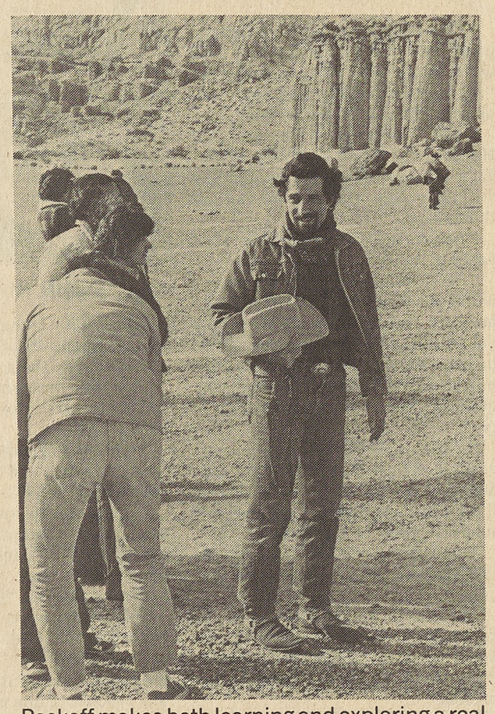
George Kopoulous, handicapped studnet counselor, has explained that the biggest problem he faces in his attempt to deal with the problems handicapped students face is the attitude, the lack of understanding, of those more fortunate.

It is with the hope of developing this understanding that for one day the council members will encounter what is for many a lifetime of problems and reminders. But six students confined to wheelchairs is a small demonstration compared with the 25,000 gifted individuals left unconscious to the problems handicapped students face.

The STAR believes everyone should be aware of these problems, for only through understanding can they be minimized and the students affected by them allowed to attain a measure of normalcy to their lives.



DRESSED IN WESTERN CLOTHES and cowboy hat Richard (Desert Dick) Raskoff, associate professor of geography, makes preparations for one of his class field trips. With great fervor



Raskoff makes both learning and exploring a real adventure for his students, by showing points of interest on his trips and displaying exciting photos in his classes.

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VIEWPOINT

Proficiency Test: Benefit or Obstacle?

POINT

PAM WEENING
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Education seemed to lose about 20 years of progress when Ronald Regan was governor. Yet after one year, the former governor's "toy puppet" influence over education can still be felt.

In 1971 Gov. Ronald Reagan and the state legislature adopted a law which would allow 16-17 year olds to take a proficiency test. This test upon passage would allow youngsters to say goodbye to high school forever. Implementation of the bill is set for sometime this month.

However, in 1973 the law was amended to make the proficency test a certificate equivalent to that of a high school diploma. Earlier this year, the bill was amended again to allow certificate holders to enroll in community colleges in "unlimited numbers."

It seems that California along with former Gov. Reagon have "slumbered" through one of the most important changes in education in many years.

The contents of the test emphasize so-called consumer skills, which are defined as those abilities "deemed essential to function as an adult in day-to-day affairs." The test includes reading and filling out job applications and using math to buy goods and services.

The test hardly touches on "traditional academic" subjects, such as history and science, which stress critical thinking and analytical capabilities in addition to content knowledge.

Beginning Dec. 20, the first group of 16-17 year old high school students will take the proficiency test and those who pass will be able to leave high school with their parents permission.

Each successful test-taker will be eligible to leave high school upon notification of the test results, which are expected to be released about six weeks after the test was given.

Since the enactment of the bill, there has been little concern by educators and scant public attention. But with the test dates drawing near, "sleeping beauty" seems to be awakening rather rapidly.

Many educators are now beginning to feel that the test will rapidly increase the ranks of the poorly educated and dump ill-prepared youngsters into an already depressed job market.

The certificate's purpose is to show that the holder has achieved "an acceptable level of proficiency in the basic skills taught in public high schools."

Yet in reality the level of a high school students' reading and writing ability is that of the ninth grade level. Studies have proven that nationwide statistics on literacy grow more appalling each year. Seventeen and thirteen year old essays are now far more incoherent, awkward and disorganized. Studies have also shown that if you have a boy or girl in high school, chances are that by the time they graduate, their skills in writing may not even qualify them for secretarial or clerical work.

So in actuality, the test does not give the student an adequate level of "basic skills." I'm sure that everyone is in agreement that one should know how to fill out a job application, but shouldn't one also have some background and knowledge of how to perform that job?

In rebuttal, one may ask why such a law was allowed to go into effect if high school graduates can not even write a simple expository sentence.

Many felt that the passage of the law is necessary to rid the schools and teachers of students who did not want to learn. Thus more emphasis would be placed on the student who did want to learn and the teacher would have more time to spend with this student. But along the same line of thought why waste a college professor's or businessman's time with a multitude of illiterates?

I'm inclined to think that the proficiency test will only retard our education system further, and decay what little learning process there is left.

In a country that has the best opportunity to learn, isn't it odd that educators and the legislature fail to keep in tune with the times and we tend to keep producing alot of narrow minded people like Johnny who can't read or write?

COUNTERPOINT

CANDEE OLSON
Assoc. City Editor

Imprisoning students in school for the mere sake of making them "serve their time" seems awfully foolish to me.

Testing as proposed by Wilson Riles, State Superintendant of Instruction would allow high school students to graduate when they reached a standard level of proficiency rather than when they simply reached a certain age.

Establishing a standard for students to work toward, provided they did, in fact, wish to be graduated early, would be more likely to spur those students on to greater efforts rather than allowing them to sit back and merely await graduation day.

Our high school drop out levels are appalling. Many of these students do not leave school simply because they are too lazy or stupid to continue their education. A host of reasons, from the necessity of earning a living to intolerable family conditions, propel these people into the job market. Rather than simply ignoring valid reasons for leaving school, something should be done to help the situation.

In the same vein, we are hindering the progress of advanced pupils. By confining them to lower division education whey they could be studying in college seems to be particularly ludicrous.

If students are finishing high school with substandard skills, and I do not dispute the fact that they are, the quality of our educational system needs to be upgraded. Forcing students to remain in school clearly is not helping to educate them.

Expert's estimates concerning the reading capabilities of high school graduates vary. Some authorities point out that more than 19 million students over 16 cannot read above a fifth grade level. Over 50 percent of the University of California applicants are said to be required to take "bone head" English. These students have had the "benefit" of a full four years in high school and it does not seem to have done them that much good. Why not improve the quality of their classes and let them out early?

The proposed test, rather than de-emphasizing "traditional academic" subjects, stresses reading, writing, and reasoning according to Riles. It seems to me that "analytical capabilities" would fall under the reasoning category quite neatly. If proposed proficiency tests do not include history or calculus, I say so be it. For students who are ready to drop out of school, consumer skills play a much more important role than the date Columbus discovered America.

We can't force "Johnny" to learn to read and write by imprisoning him in our school system. Instead, let's take a closer look at him to find out why he is not learning anything.

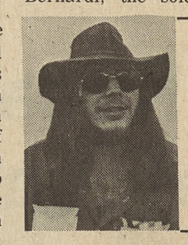
If graduating qualified students seems archaic to some, it's about time we took a fresh look at "good old fashioned education."

INTROSPECT

City Plan To Cost Taxpayer

Mayor Tom Bradley says the cost is $750 million. Councilman Ernani Bernardi says the cost is $4.6 billion. Either way, the Central Business District Redevelopment Plan is going to cost the taxpayer money, and the 25 buinesses holding one third of the property assessments in the "blighted" area will benefit the most.

The project was approved by the City Council last June, and Mayor Bradley signed the legislation he had pushed all along. Then, Councilman Bernardi, the sole negative vote



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Staff Writer

when the council approved the plan 12-1, filed two lawsuits halting action of the plan.

This triggered off the opposition to the plan, and Bernardi was joined by State Senator Alan Robbins, who introduced legislation that passed the Senate that would put a referandum on the June ballot letting the voters decide whether the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) should be funded. The legislation has been delayed in the House.

The plan is being funded through tax-increment funding. This legislation, approved in 1952, allows a CRA to be set up when an area is considered "blighted." Although the taxes rise like normal areas, the assessed valuation on properties in this area are frozen.

All taxes exceeding the freeze point are given to the CRA instead of the local taxing authorities. This creates a tax deficit that can only be made up by taxes outside of the area.

Bradley, who said the plan was a culmination of six years of effort and a "unique example of a partnership between city government and the business community," reacted to the opposition to the plan by declaring a moratorium on any implementation activities to the plan, last Thursday, while an impartial committee is set up to examine "the various issues which have been raised in public debate."

The CRA will select three members to that committee, Bradley five, including the Chairman, and each city councilman will select one by January 1, 1976. The Mayor said the first progress report must come within 90 days after it is appointed.

With six councilman favoring the program, 14 of the 23 members of this "impartial" committee are already committed to the downtown redevelopment program.

However, Robbins, who spoke at Valley College one hour after Bradley issued his statement at a press conference, said that Bradley was giving the "downtown plan a whitewashing to sell the public" and that the moratorium was a way to let the public "cool off and relax."

With its inclusion in the plan, the Los Angeles Times neglected this controversial issue until it published Robbins' letter to the editor Dec. 8.

With the lack of coverage in the Times, and government trying to keep the public ignorant, the average citizen is not aware the leading lobbyist in pushing the legislation through the city council was the Central City Association, a group with downtown interests.

With taxes rising anywhere between $13 a year to $200, the plan may be a unique example of big business interests and government joining together in what could be the greatest tax rip-off in the history of the city unless the public, through the work of Robbins, will be able to see through the beauracratic red tape to defeat the program.

LETTERS

'Triflection' Excoriates Critic; Professor Contradicts Rabbi

Editor,

In an attempt to drift away from forced, unoriginal hard rock, we; Triflection, seemed to have died in the eyes of the critic. I am inclined to believe that critism, if used properly, is instrumental for future improvement. Instead, he has let his John Barbour impression sway his writing and we have been victims of another attack.

Misquotes and misinterpretations never lack in the review. I might add that the so-called journalist listed "an equally dull song" called 'Whirpool' that we didn't even play!

Acid rock is a matter of electronics. If it pleases the critic, we will buy a sixty dollar fuzz pedal and play our rendition of 'Smoke on the Water.'

Bruce Mendelson,
On Behalf of Triflection

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Editor,

Rabbi Morrison's letter (Star-December 11) is a good example of the emotionalism that substitutes for argument these days. I refer to his comments on Communism, particularly the Chinese variety. I state, of course, the obligatory disclaimer: "I am not nor have I ever been . . . ." One must protect oneself against the next national witch-hunt. Rabbi Morrison has not apparently exposed himself to the vast body of literature on China's revolution. If he had, he might know that the Communists gained power in China in a prolonged civil war (1927-1949), during which time the country had to contend with Western colonialism, Japanese conquest, and the corrupt, incompetent, and tyrannical government of the late, but unlamented by me, Chiang Kai-shek.For millions of Chinese in that era, the Communists seemed to be a desirable alternative, which is not to say that ordinary people anywhere have a great deal of control over the system that rules them.One does not have to see China as a veritable paradise on earth to understand that the Communists have made some achievements, or that, by comparison with pre-1949, the circumstances of a majority of the Chinese people have been significantly improved. Rabbi Morrison disdains those Americans who come back impressed by China, but who do not immediately show the courage of their convictions by packing up and moving there. This is another demonstration of the flabbiness of his position. Those Americans simply realize that China is vastly different in culture, philosophy, and history from the United States, and what is perfectly valid for China might not be for America. After all, the American-style democracy (as it is somewhat euphemistically called) might not be the solution to problems everywhere in the world. Our recent quarter-century of involvement in Indochina indicates that not everyone sees it as being quite so beneficent as Rabbi Morrison does.

Robert Pirtchard
Associate Professor
History and Political Science

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Editor,

I am very grateful for the coverage you have given my planetarium shows; however, I resent the misquotes and misinformation in the review of December 11. First, Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem to PAY taxes, not to escape them. Second, as any Jew knows, the custom of giving gifts on holidays is not a **JUDAIC** (note spelling) tradition. Third, and most important, the prophecy I spoke of in my show was that the Zoroastrian religion, totally unrelated to the Jewish people.

There are several more errors of fact, but those mentioned are the most galring. Also, please do not use quotation marks if what follows are not my exact words. I believe you owe your readers an apology for the misleading and incorrect statements made by John Kissonas.

By the way, we have never had, nor do we now have shows on Saturday evening.

Karen Kwitter

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Editor,

America is beset by Fads. There will be a fad performer, a fad politician (which is sometimes the same thing), a fad hair style, a fad fashion.

There is even, lately, a fad issue: Gun control.

And, as with every fad, every crackpot and groupie has jumped on the bandwagon, and joined the pack screaming for more gun controls.

It is a fact that some folks have used guns to injure other folks, and sometimes they did it on purpose. It is also true that some folks have been killed with automobiles, with ground glass, with aspirin, and with certain illnesses.

Forty-to fifty-thousand persons a year are bumped off by automobiles alone. That is indeed a senseless slaughter.

How can we stop it? We could outlaw automobiles. We could allow only police and fire departments and other emergency personnel to drive autos. Or we could register all automobiles ... except, of course, that is already being done, isn't it?

So, would registering guns, or even outlawing them do any good? Nope sorry.

Look at New York City. The Sullivan Act, the long-time, very strict gun law, has kept only law-abiding citizens disarmed. Hoodlums still have guns, even if they have to make them—and guns can be made from such common materials as car radio antennas.

Rabbi Michael J. Morrison

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FEATURE THIS

Geography Instructor Raskoff Boosts Morale in Lectures

by ANDREW DiCONTI
Copy Editor

If walking around a room toting a world globe to demonstrate the earth's orbit of the sun, or showing the class bird's eye view photos of the landscape will help students understand geography, Richard Raskoff, associate professor of geography, will manage to do just that.

In fact, students have not only noticed his doing that, but also use other approaches to a subject which may not be clearly understood by the entire class.

Raskoff has shown aerial photos of differences in land formations, climatic conditions and shots of the San Andreas Fault. He has also shown pictures he took of damage caused by the Earthquake of 1971.

As a boy he said he always felt an impelling desire to learn to fly. He now has a private pilot's license and flying is his hobby. He has flown aircraft far into Nothern California, and also managed to fly safely on a clear, moonlit night to the Salton Sea.

Raskoff has been an adviser to the Flying Club of which he is a member. He and his wife Glenda, and his children, Kevin, 5, and Jennifer, 3, love getting out to explore the mountains and desert, photographing the sites they visit.

"I take many pictures," he said, "especially of ghost-town buildings, which are subject to destruction by weather and/or other factors. I've revisited some ghost towns and found them different from when I first saw them."

Raskoff was born in Los Angeles, was graduated from North Hollywood High School and received his degree in Geography from Northridge University. He studied Mineralogy at UCLA for a year, and also received a National Science Grant to study geology in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado.

He has been teaching geography at Valley College for 12 years.

When asked what he thought of teaching, he said, "I think it's great, especially when I can bring home to the students a thorough understanding of the subject."

It is evident by his educational background that he is well qualified to teach the subject. Many students find that his field trips provide a vivid supplement to the course and have nicknamed him, "Desert Dick Raskoff."

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Media Influence Probed at Panel

by NANCY CLARK
Managing Editor

Lou Benson, associate professor of psychology, said at a panel discussion last week sponsored by the Valley College Communicators that the media presents us with models for our behavior.

He also said that women are required to have furniture that smells lonony, be able to follow Mrs. Olson's instructions and have toilet bowls that turn blue.

The panel agreed that as far as women are concerned the media does decide who you are. Not much was said about men's influence from the media.

In addition to Benson, the panel included Sylvia Lubow, associate professor of history; Rhonda Van Meter Williams, a well known actress and radio personality and Pat Allen, instructor of sociology.

Prof. Lubow asked the packed audience several rhetorical question such as "Who are we? and how do we get to be who we are?" She answered saying, "I am; I exist," and that we are creatures of our own makings, who live in a computerized world.

She said that when we believe that we have become IBM numbers the response is, "Now we cry, I am."

She also asked, "What is a woman?" Prof. Lubow responded by explaining that a woman must be sweet, neat, shorter than the man she dates, not too rational, not quite as smart, intuitive, sensitive, not augmentative and submissive to the superiority of the male.

"Are we making the choices?" she inquired. In the 19th century, Prof. Lubow said, a woman was considered to be really fragile, dumb and very domestic, living in a cold, cruel world. But, she noted that women at the time perceived themselves to be strong and self-reliant.

"We are products of values and institutions in what society expects us to be," Prof. Lubow said.

She said that despite conditioning we are not robots, but unique in the ability to think and concluded by saying that the media is one of the institutions that affects us.

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Benson said men are portrayed as aggressive, strong and sometimes murderous, who never flinch at danger and make terrific lovers.

He said, "We create an image of ourselves to fulfill the model." However, nobody can really be these creatures.

Furthermore, we use defensive manuevers, he said, to compensate for not fulfilling the model role and then we become disturbed.

He agreed that the media can influence our lives. However, he said, "We don't have to live up to this false characterization of ourselves; we are more complex."

Ms. Williams began her presentation by saying she was an unemployed actress. She said women are not stereotyped on television; they are invisible.

She said 63 per cent of all new shows are male oriented while 13 per cent are female oriented and 24 per cent are family oriented.

Ms. Williams said that performers earn their living by being told who and how they must play their roles.

She said woman on television are told not to wear pantsuits and if they portray housewives they must wear shirtwaist dresses.

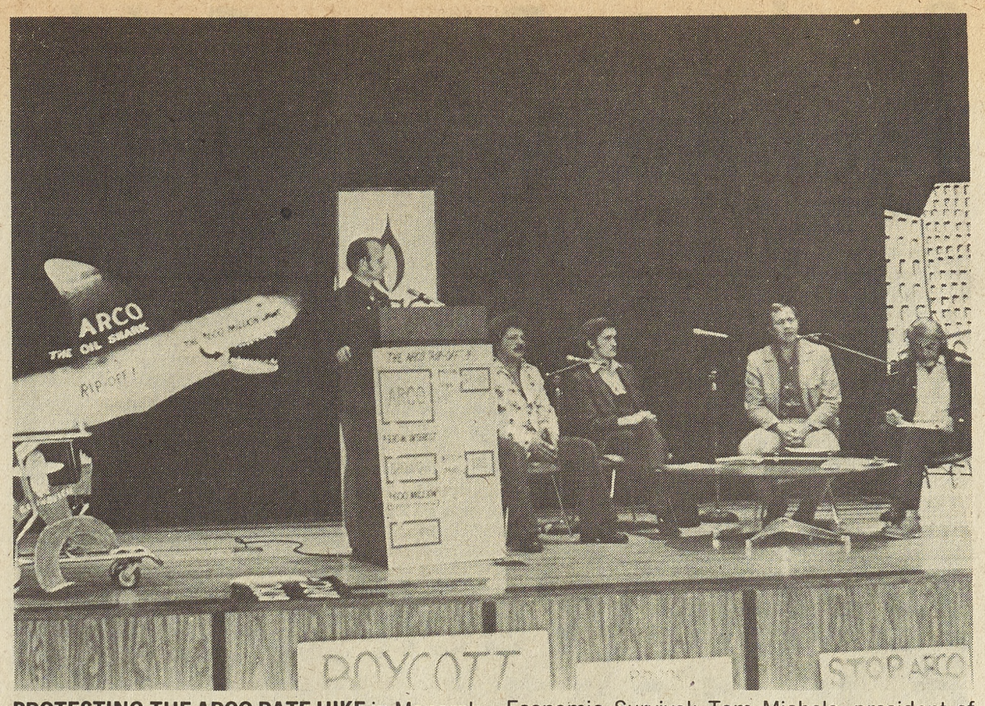
She encouraged the audience to write their local networks, stations, and the advertisers and say, "As long as that's on I won't buy your product."

"Money," Ms. Williams said, "is the name of the game."

The final panelist, Ms. Allen, spoke about how books and newspapers influence the public's lives.

She said that children's book don't show mothers and daughters mowing the lawn or fathers and sons playing with kittens.

Ms. Allen said that women are absent from children's books and concluded by saying that the Los Angeles Times recently ran an article about men's meddling wives.



PROTESTING THE ARCO RATE HIKE in Monarch Hall last Wednesday are panel members Bert Wilson of KVST television; Tim Brick from Campaign Against Utility Service Exploitation (CAUSE); Herman Mulman from the Coalition for Economic Survival; Tom Michels, president of the Rip-Off Committee and a Speech 20 student here at Valley; and Speech 20 moderator Charles McGee.

Valley Star Photo by John Kissonas

ARCO Terms: Panel Presses Public Boycott

By LEWIS FLOCK
Staff Writer

The reasons behind the ARCO boycott and avenues of protest open to consumers who feel outraged at the rate hike which took effect December 8, were detailed by four spokesmen from various organizations endorsing the boycott in Monarch Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

The panel was composed of: Bert Wilson of KVST television (Channel 68); Tim Brick from Campaign Against Utility Service Exploitation (CAUSE), a coalition of several activist groups; Herman Mulman from the Coalition for Economic Survival; and Tom Michels, President of the Rip-Off Committee and a Speech 20 student here at Valley. The panel was moderated by Charles McGee, also a Speech 20 student.

Wilson opened the discussion by sketching some aspects of the recent Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) contract, saying that the Southern California Gas Company (SoCal) has agreed to pay the interest on a loan to ARCO totalling $617 million. This sum will be raised by increasing current gas rates for consumers. Of these monies, $270 million will go to Internal Revenue Service for income taxes, and $330 million will go to pay interest charges to financial institutions via ARCO. The chief moneylender in the loan to ARCO is the First National City Bank of New York, coincidentally the largest shareholder in ARCO.

"For this the gas company receives no gas, just the right to negotiate for up to 60 per cent of the discovered reserves at the highest allowable rate," and receiving nothing," he charged.

Wilson then urged consumers to send letters to the gas compnay expressing their discontent. He also recommended SoCal customers send their bill payments in the form of a check made out to the PUC, accompanied by a statement contending their bill is wrong in that it doesn't accurately reflect the amount of gas used, and demanding a hearing. "This will generate more paperwork," Wilson said.

"The PUC has said they are returning checks, saying the boycott is 'irresponsible'. We have a legal right to this boycott. They are trying to intimidate and bluff the public, they don't want the paperwork," Wilson concluded.

Brick began his portion of the discussion with an angry denounciation of the deal. "Like loan sharking, we are paying special extra costs to get gas from the North Slope. We desperately need gas, but we don't need to pay interest rates so ARCO can get free loans."

"Dealing with ARCO," Brick said, "is like dealing with a foreign power."

The PUC has, with help from appointees of Governor Brown, changed the rate-adjustment procedure (with the deal in mind) to cover the right to negotiate, Brick said. The money required to secure this right is not to exceed $136 million or 15.9 percent annually over the charges for actual fuel consumption.

"The rate structure is upside-down," claimed Brick. "It was instituted 50 years ago when we wanted to develop the size of a utility system by having lower rates for bigger customers. This is the declining rate block schedule, I call it robbery."

"It no longer makes sense to reward big users," Brick continued. "For example, The ARCO Towers, monuments to an age of wasteful fuel consumption, use as much energy as 25,000 single family housing units, yet pay half as much."

"In order to bring us the energy we're going to need in the future, they are going to incur massive costs. They want us to pay for them up front. Consumers who use more than 75 thermal units a month are paying for the Alaska Pipeline directly, everybody else will pay indirectly because of the inflationary effect on food, fertilizer, etc," Brick said.

"According to Ralph Nader, these extra charges will cost consumers $50 billion in the next ten years across the nation," Brick concluded.

Mulman, during his presentation, charged Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. with "looking with his eyes towards the Presidency. He should get his feet on the ground like the rest of us consumers."

Mulman recommended that consumers "make checks out to the PUC and not the gas company. This is a delaying tactic which stops the cash flow."

At the conclusion of the three presentations Michels asked the members of the panel questions pertinent to the position of the consumer. The panel then accepted inquiries from the audience, numbering around 40 people.

KVCM Wires for Sound

The LAVC Campus will be literally wired next year, as plans are underway to expand Valley College Monarch's (KVCM) radio station. This will enable the present radio broadcast to increase its range and program content. A larger voice will be given to the associated student body as well as the faculty and administration.

Currently, KVCM operates on a limited basis using a speaker system set up in the main cafeteria area. Using the electrical system on campus as an antenna, Valley will have its own radio station in 1976. With new plans started, the entire campus will be wired for radio. A person will be able to plug in his radio to any wall socket or tune in his transistor on campus and listen to current campus issues, music, announcements and other programs.

"The system will provide a greater variety of services to the student. Operating from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. it will serve both day and evening divisions. It will also act as an occupational training tool and an effective communications media for the associated student body," said Dr. Adrienne Zahler, professor of speech and broadcasting.

A.S. Council Votes For Night Meeting

Neil Rincover, A.S. President elect brought up a motion in Tuesday's Executive Council meeting to set a date for council to meet at night so that evening students will have a chance to participate in council. It was unanamously passed that council meet Wednesday night Jan. 15, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. instead of Tuesday, Jan. 14.

It was announced by Evening Divison Comm., Steve Katz that all day Jan. 6, four council members and two other students will confine themselves to wheelchairs to examine the problems encountered by the handicapped students on campus. Also announced was Dr. Thurston's and Dean Brunet's tour of UCLA's salad bar and plan to implement something similar in our cafeteria.

Jeff DeNicolas, A.S. chief justice is candidate for appointment to the Board of Trustees for CCCJCA. The nine presidents will meet here tomorrow, Dec. 19 to decide on his appointment.

Council received the new bylaws to the A.S. constitution governing all council dealings from the district. An installment banquet for all new and present council members will be held on Jan. 19 and Valley's Children's Christmas show will be this Saturday, Dec. 20. The council thanked Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for their donation to the show.

The motions made and passed were to allocate $35 to the J.V. Women's Basketball team as an entree fee in the Southern California Tournament; to end the cafeteria boycott; and to move the parliamentarian into the vice-president's office so that the Treasuer and Chief Justice will have room for their extensive paper work.

ON TO HOUSTON for the Bicentennial Celebration are members of the speech and broadcasting departments, back row from left to right: Doug Bogan, Verlonn Alexander, Barbara Coleman, Tony Eder, front row: Dr. Adrienne Zahler, co-author of the presentation with Pat Calder, Debra McLean, Norman Siderau, and Dick Colbert.

Valley Star Photo by Dave Polinsky

A.S. Members Feign Handicaps for Day

By JOHN HUGHES
Assoc. News Editor

In an attempt to develop an understanding of the problems faced by handicapped students attending Valley College, six members of the A.S. council will confine themselves to wheelchairs for the day Jan. 6.

Organized by Steven Katz, evening division commissioner, the day is being termed Handicapped Awareness Day. Besides enlightening the participants it is hoped that example of the six council members will help other students to develop an awareness of the plight of handicapped students.

Participating in the event with Katz will be Bruce Buffington, A.S. president; Jeff DeNicholas, A.S. chief Justice; William Sides, commissioner of elections elect; Dan Smith, AMS commissioner; and Diane Hannam, commissioner of social activities.

Touring the campus and attending the Rotaract meeting, the handicapped students club, the participants will record the difficulties they encounter for possible use in latter council action according to Katz.

Feedback on what they learn will also go to George Kopoulous, coordinator of special programs who is responsible for working to correct the problems handicapped students face at Valley.

Kopoulous, who is supplying the wheelchairs, is also planning a Handicapped Awareness Week for next semester sometime in March or April. Still in the early planning stages, he is uncertain of exactly what will be done during the week.

"Basically," said Kopoulous, "it will be an entire week in which we bring to light some of the difficulties disabled people have, how they overcome them, and the programs offered to help." Some of the tentative plans include demonstrations, performances, seminars, and films.

"It has to be positive. It has to be meaningful," said Kopoulous. "I am not seeking sympathy." The purpose of the week's activities will be "for students as a whole to become aware of some of the problems faced by disabled students."

Faculty Supports Zionism

President Alice Thurston and 125 faculty members signed a circulated petition stating "Zionism is Nationalism." The petition started by Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein briefly states that "as faculty we oppose efforts being made in the Gneral Assembly of the United Nations to brand Zionism as a form of racism and racial discrimination."

According to History Professor Farrel Broslawsky, "Anti-semitism is becoming legal under the eyes of anti-Zionism. If against it, it's one way of taking an ethical stand. When people sign the petition, they take a stand against it, when it is not signed, they take a position for it."

The undersigned will be sent to Secretary General fo the U.N., Curtis Walheim. Commissioner of Jewish Studies, Wayne Arak, feels the document shows "the support of Valley College faculty for Israel, and to shows Zionism is a form of democracy.

It is the national movement of the Jews. It's like feeling American and wanting to be an American. It's equivalent in that sense to say Amercanism is racism."

What's Happening

Gun Control: Do We Need It?

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall the Valley College Communicators will sponsor a pro-con debate on the subject of gun control.

Jack Kifer, professor of mathematics at Valley, and James Seaberry, a member of the California Rifle and Pistol Association, will represent the con side; representing the pro side will be Peter Rinehart, field deputy to Sen. Alan Sieroty, and Dee Helfgott, a member of the Coalition for handgun control.

Teaching Credentials

The Students California Teachers Association will present Dr. Donald Nielson, director of students teaching at CSULA speaking on the curricula leading to teaching credentials at CSULA in H100 at 11 a.m.

Respiratory Therapy Lecture

Florence Murphy, respiratory therapist at Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Van Nuys, will speak on "Working as a Respiratory Therapist," on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. in B.Sc.100.

Workshop for Term Papers

For those students who need to develop or improve skills in writing term papers, the Learning Center will hold a workshop today at 11 a.m. in the Learning Center.

Planetarium Lecture

The Planetarium will present "The Christmas Star and the Winter Sky." Karen Kwitter lecture tomorrow at 7:15 p.m. in the Planetarium.

Volunteer CORPS program

Stop by the Volunteer CORPS Outreach table by the Satellite Cafeteria across from the Behavioral Science Building, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. today to find out how you can get volunteer experience related to your major interest. For further information call Lisa Kaufman at 988-0308.

Journalism Made Relevant

The innovative Journalism 5 team-taught class with Bill Payden and Roger Graham will meet on Mondays in Bs.101 from 4 to 7 p.m. rather than on Tuesdays, as listed in the Spring Enrollment Schedule.

Their instruction of the many-faceted mass media world has inspired many a young journalist to pursue a career in newspapers, magazines, television, and radio.

See You Next Year

Tomorrow will be the last day of classes for the 1975 school year. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 5, 1976.

Lost and Found

Anyone finding lost articles should turn them in to Campus Center 100, and check back frequently to see if it has been found.

Hillel Plans Arrowhead Adventure

The LAVC chapter of Hillel and the CSUN chapter will be combining for a trip to Lake Arrowhead Dec. 28-30 at Camp Komaroff.

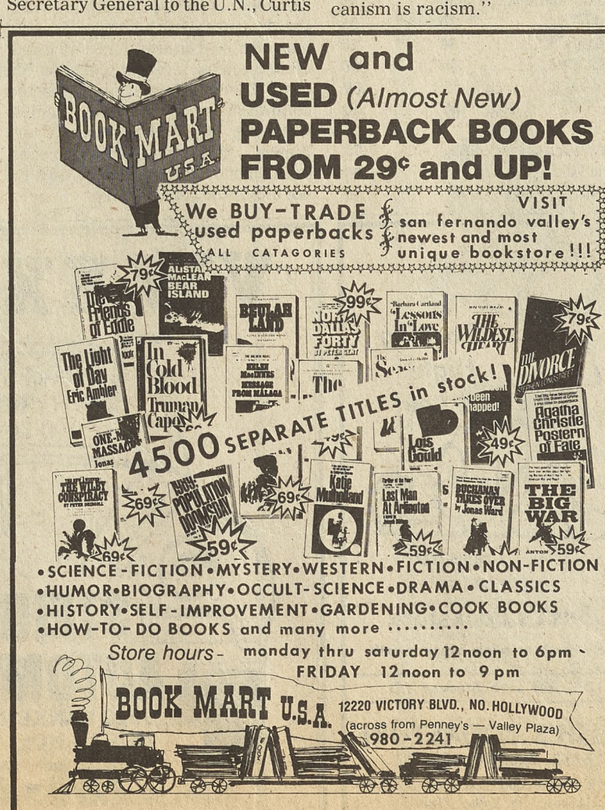
Activities have not been planned yet but Charlotte Cornfeld, coordinator of Hillel activities, said that Hillel will be getting together next week to decide on the activities.

Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein will also be going along, according to Ms. Cornfeld, so the students can celebrate Shabbot.

Twenty-two dollars and twenty five cents covers the cost of the trip. It is two dollars less with a paid Hillel Activity Card.

Ms. Cornfeld also said that Hillel will be continuing its Israeli and International Folk Dancing during the winter vacation.

Beth Hillel Temple is the location of the dance and is held on Tuesday evenings from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission is 75 cents without an activity card and students with a card are admitted for 25 cents.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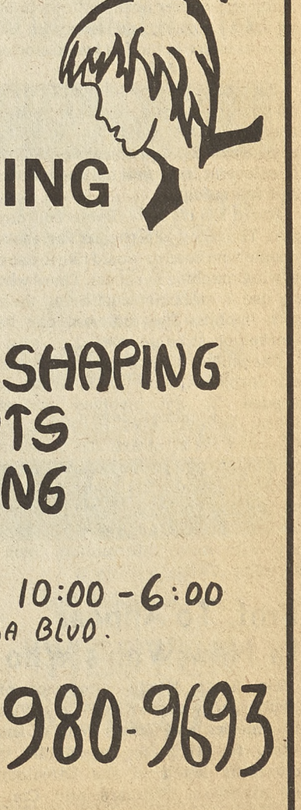

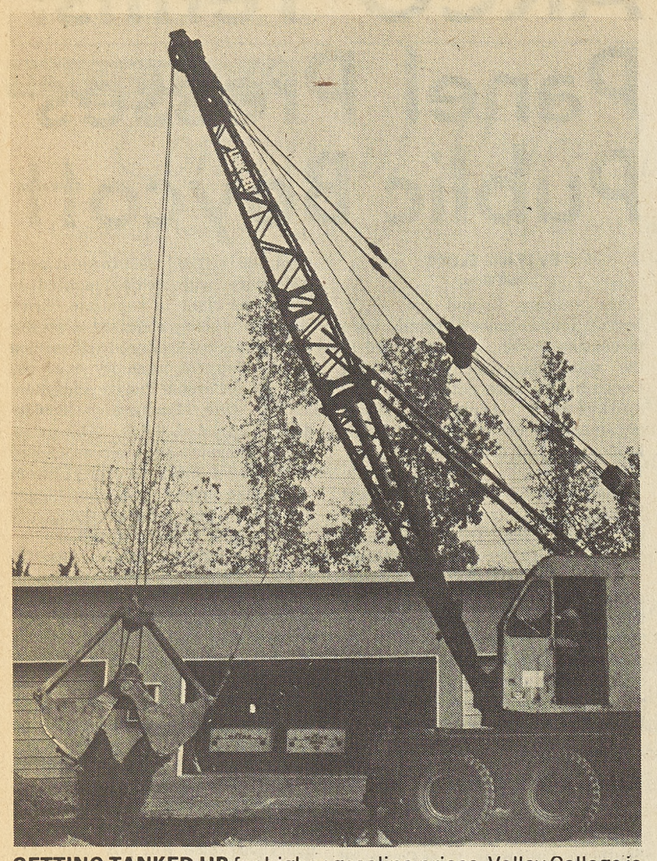

GETTING TANKED UP for higher gasoline prices, Valley College is installing a new 6,000-gallon capacity gas tank. The college should save an estimated seven to ten cents per gallon by purchasing gas in larger quantities. Valley Star Photo by Dave Polinsky

Valley To Receive Another Gas Tank

Valley College is in the process of getting a new 6,000 gallon capacity gasoline tank. The cost of gasoline when purchased in large quantities is cheaper.

"Since the gasoline energy crises is over, and plenty of gas is available, it is a cost cutting method when purchasing in large quantities," said Julian Berko, building and ground administrator.

Valley presently has the use of one 1,000 gallon capacity gasoline tank. The cost of frequent deliveries of gasoline to fill a thousand gallon tank can be avoided with fewer deliveries, and larger quantities given at a time.

Another reason for the new gas tank is the vapor recovery system. Presently, gasoline is issued to the mobile units without a vapor recovery system. Legislation has been recently passed by the Environmental Protection Agency, which states that anyone distributing gasoline from a tank has to have a vapor recovery system.

Valley College should save an estimated seven to ten cents per gallon with the installment of the larger tank. The tanks installation should be completed by Dec. 19.

Enrollment Continuing

Priority enrollment for continuing students with appointments ends Friday December 19, 1975. Open enrollment for all applicants with appointments is January 7-29, 1976. Application deadline for regular enrollment is January 9, 1976, and late application and enrollment period is January 12-30, 1976.

It is essential that you obtain an appointment to enroll so as not to experience closed classes.

Child Center Needs People To Decorate

Carol Rookwood, director of the child care center, said that the children's center needs pillows to fill an empty corner, and deocrated felt cutouts to use in the felt board stories they tell the children.

The children's center can provide all materials used. What is needed are people who would like to make and decorate (with embroidery, needlepoint, or applique) the pillows and felt cutouts.

Room MS 110 is available Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for those people who need or would like to use a sewing machine at school. Those who do use a machine must bring their own bobbin. The material can be worked on at home, also.

The pillows may be any size, shape, or design. Creativity is what is needed. To get involved contact Cathy McNeil, AWS President, in Room CC102 F, at ext. 360, or leave your name and phone number in the AWS president's mail box in CC102 saying that you'd like to get involved with this project, and she will contact you with more information. Sponsored by AWS.

Prof. To Appear In New Who's Who

Dr. Mark Naidis, professor of history, will appear in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the West for 1975-76. Dr. Naidis is currently listed in the Directory of American Scholars and Contemporary Authors.

Students Brave Cold, Tour Mojave on Trip

By ANDREW DI CONTI
Staff Writer

Crisp 40-degree weather greeted Associate Professor of Geography Richard Raskoff, and his classes Saturday morning at 7 a.m. for their field trip to Randsburg, a ghost town in the Mojave Desert.

The students came well dressed for the trip. Many wore sturdy shoes and warm clothes. Raskoff was dressed with a ten-gallon hat, blue denim jeans and jacket, boots and a red bandana around his neck.

The first stop of the trip, which was mde by bus, was the Pioneer Oil Refinery in Newhall, which was the refinery for the first commercially successful oil well. It was located six miles away in the Pico Canyon Oil Field where oil was discovered in 1876.

In nearby Placerita Canyon, gold was discovered in 1842, six years before Marshall's discovery of gold in the American River at Coloma, California.

All along the way to Randsburg, Raskoff described points of interest, some of which were the Vasquez Rocks which appear as though they are sitting on edge and the San Andreas Fault. A short sight-seeing stop was made in Mojave. From Mojave the bus went to the Randsburg turnoff and drove into town. in 1895 gold was discovered at the Yellow Aster Mine, just above Randsburg. More than $25 million in gold have been taken out of the mine. At the peak of its activity 4,000 people lived in Randsburg. Less than 300 people live there today.

The name Randsburg was named after the town of Witwatersrand, in Transvaal, South Africa, which is commonly called "the Rand."

A visit was made to the museum where a guide showed authentic pieces of rock embedded with gold, silver and lead ore, tungsten, and other minerals imbedded in rocks.

Raskoff also told the class about areas where mines are still being worked.

Raskoff told a yarn he had heard about miners' superstitions of bad luck if a woman entered the mine. He said, "A senator had heard of the ridiculous superstition and decided to go into a mine just to dispel the superstition. However, after he entered the mine, a woman appeared close by. He turned around to take a closer look and fell down the shaft to his death."

A group took time to browse around town. The class was interested in Magnesium glass, which is a deep, transparent purple that bottles and vases are made from.

Shortly after noon, some unnamed sources said they saw Raskoff coming out of "the Joint Bar" brandishing six shooters—the sources said he may have had one-too-many Dr. Peppers.

On the return trip Raskoff had the bus driver drive to boot hill and to Johannesburg which is nearby. Later they travelled to Red Mountain where two miners had stumbled over outcroppings of horn silver, which led to the development of the fabulously rich Kelly Rand Mine.

Randsburg, Johannesburg, and Red Mountain have been ghost towns off and on since 1895.

COLD WEATHER greeted participants in a Geography 1 field trip to Ransburg in the Mojave Desert. Gina Reiss, Don Crandall, and Karen Gluck are standing in an abandoned mine in Randsburg. In 1895, gold worth more than $25 million was discovered in the Yellow Aster Mine. Valley Star Photo by Ron Stone

Jewish Week Called Success

According to Zev Garber, professor of Hebrew, Jewish Liberation Week could be termed a success, depending upon how you looked at it.

"The programming couldn't have been better," he said. "Baruch Cohon and his group performed well at the party last week, and the speakers we had throughout the week were excellent."

Then, where was the problem? Garber feels it is in the lack of attendance at the various events.

He said that there were only 100 persons at Cohon's performance, with a majority of them being from off campus. Many of the other events drew as poorly or worse.

"The main reason for this is the lack of proper publicity for the events," said Garber. "The Jewish Coalition (an organization comprised of Hillel, SZA, Eta Beta Rho, and Jewish Studies Commissioner Wayne Arak) was unable to cooperate with each other in getting the proper publicity for their events.

Charlotte Cornfeld, Hillel's coordinator of student activities, feels that the blame cannot be entirely placed with the coalition.

"This is the first semester that they have been formally organized she said. "Before, they were just a loose collection of organization which seldom agreed with each other. In addition, the honor society has joined with the other organizations in the coalition."

She feels that while the organizations are having a hard time working with one another, they are learning, and she feels they will have everything smoothed out by next semester.

The most important weeks of next semester are Jewish Awareness Week and Holocaust Week, for which Ms. Cornfeld feels they will be much better organized from a publicity standpoint.

Prof. Garber feels that the Star is partially responsible for the lack of publicity. There was no paper on Thanksgiving week and Garber said that there was no information on Liberation Week in the issue before Thanksgiving.

Redevelopment Criticized, Called Unneeded by Robbins

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if Buffington and other people unconnected with the plan were on the committee it would have more significance.

Bradley's declaration for a moratorium on the plan spawned a bitter-sweet approval by Robbins who said, "it's a step in the right direction." However, the senator's attempt to put the final decision to the discretion of the voters has not been shelved.

Robbins is continuing his campaign to get his bill (SB 1291) passed, which would put the redevelopment proposal on the ballot next June.

Although the redevelopment program was originally approved by the City Council by a vote of 12-1, public out-cry has effected a change in the views of some of the councilmen.

Two of the plan's most steadfast supporters, Councilmen John Ferraro (Fourth Dist.) and Marvin Braude (11th Dist.), have mellowed to the point of suggesting that a second look of the plan be taken.

Councilman Arthur K. Snyder (14th Dist.) chairman of the City Council's Planning Committee has said he would propose a counter plan based on the findings of Richard G. Mitchell, administrator of the (CRA).

Reportedly, Mitchell claimed only about 10 per cent, approximately 25 blocks, of the "blighted" area needed to be redeveloped and that a ceiling of $2 million is reasonable.

This is in contrast to Mayor Bradley's figures of $7.5 million to renew 250 blocks of the Central City.

Robbins' arguments against having the downtown plan subsidized by Valley taxpayers inspired comment by the senator on the over-lapping of city and county operations.

"There is a tremendous duplication of services," said Robbins, "there must be a restructuring of the boundaries of local government."

Robbins claims that the overlapping of city and county services is costing the valley taxpayer more than he should be paying. Robbins said, "Of every two tax dollars sent downtown we (valleyites) receive only one back."

A valley organization, the Committee Investigating Valley Independent City-County (CIVICC), is reportedly already moving to force the revealing force the revealing of the ratio of taxes to service provided for the valley.

They are also planning to finance an investigation by a non-valley professional group into the problems of the valley, sucession being a possible solution to those problems.

"I do not necessarily want to secede, "said Robbins, "I do favor a study of it." Robbins, attempting to establish a Valley Statistical Area, introduced a bill which, after passing the Senate and the Assembly, was vetoed by Governor Brown. The senator's bill would have provided the statistical analysis necessary to determine the feasibility of succession.

Boycott...

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Loss feels it was the lowered prices, not the boycott, that caused a decrease in cash flow into the cafeteria and satellites.

The following is a list of the prices that have been lowered, according to Loss, since the boycott issue has been raised:

ITEM	Old Price	New Price
Coffee	.20	.15
Fountain Drinks	.30	.25
Orange Juice (Reconstituted)	.25	.20
Yogurt	.40	.35
Real Orange Juice	.30	.25
Toast	.30	.25
English Muffins	.30	.25
Jell-o	.30	.25
Puddings	.30	.25
Coffee Cake	.35	.30
Hot Dog	.55	.50
Corn Dog	.55	.50
Poor Boy Sandwiches	.80	.75
Bagels	.49	.39
Hard Boiled Egg	.20	.15

State . . .

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for local boards," she emphasized. "Local boards represent the community from which the students come."

She sees the proposal as a possible threat to the concept of a community college, which is geared toward individual community needs.

"The community colleges are truly serving all kinds of people in ways they never did before," said Dr. Thurston. She pointed out that an increasing number of adults and veterans are attending community colleges.

Dr. Thurston stated that determination of exactly what are recreational classes would be difficult.

"What is a vocational today may well be occupational tomorrow," she added. "The more skills a person develops, the more chance he or she has of getting a job."

She said it may be time for a reordering of priorities at the state level to reconcile them with the reality of the need for public education.

Election...

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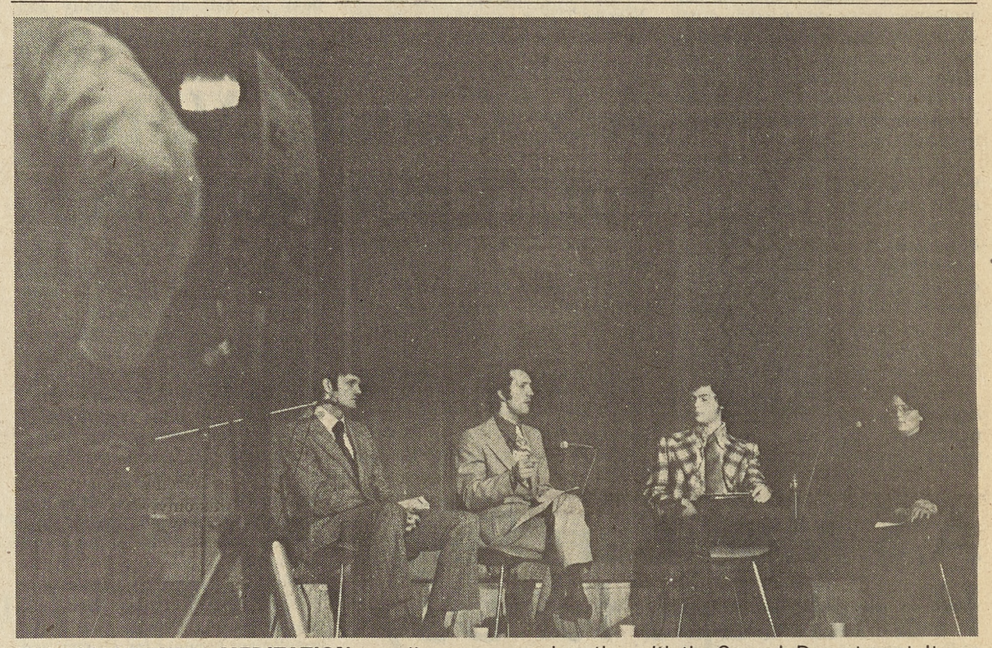
office of AMS president, receiving 310 of the 368 votes cast; Steven Handelman was elected commissioner of campus improvements, receiving 321 of the 363 cast; Steven Katz was elected evening commissioner, receiving 315 of the 382 cast; Max Jamison Jr. was elected commissioner of fine arts, receiving 318 of the 364 cast; and Ginny Beals was elected commissioner of public relations, receiving 335 of the 363 cast.

Cherie Fryman was elected commissioner of records, receiving 313 of the 354 votes cast; Clarence Blakely was elected commissioner of Black ethnic studies, receiving 294 of the 350 cast; David Carranza was elected commissioner of Chicano studies, receiving 291 of the 349 cast; and Wayne Arak was elected commissioner of Jewish studies, receiving 279 of the 358 cast.



TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION was discussed by a panel last Monday in Monarch Hall. The program was sponsored by the Valley College Communicators and the Broadcasting Club, in conjunction with the Speech Department. It was filmed for review at a later date. The program was moderated by Barry Silverman, newly elected Associated Students chief justice. Valley Star Photo by Kathy Henderson

MEDITATING FOR BETTER GRADES

Panel Discusses TM Views

By JOHN KISSONAS
Staff Writer

The Los Angeles Valley College Communicators Club and the Broadcasting Club, in conjunction with the Speech Department, presented a transcendental meditation program last Monday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

David Mills, a broadcasting major, directed the program for televising at a later date, in which Berry Silverman, the newly elected A.S. Chief Justice for the Spring of '76 acted as the moderator, we well as Jon Rosenman and Pam Beale who assisted Mills as the chief cameramen.

The program featured Rosalie Ornelaz, the commissioner of campus improvements, and Jack Sterk, instructor of speech at Valley College on the con side, and Charles Moody, a student of transcendental medition, and Jerry Haley, a private instructor of TM, on the pro side of the panel discussion which covered the topic of "TM, Illusion or Solution."

Moody was introduced to the audience of 70 people by Silverman, and gave a bit of background which he had personally encountered through the study of TM. "It was like the first time I was on a bike" said Moody." "Ever since I have been meditating, I have become much more aware of the beauty in nature" he added.

According to Haley, TM has proven to be the answer to the pressure of the 70's. He said students have been known to receive better grades and achieve higher IQ rates just by studying TM.

Athletes have been known to move more rapidly and efficiently, as well as various other claims.

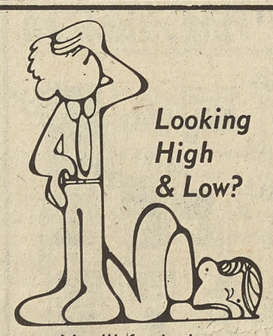
Following Haley's explanation of TM, Sterk, the speech instructor, talked about the nagative side. He mentioned the exploited advertising campaign of the TM program and the ambiguous claims made by Haley, such as how athletes can move faster and how a person's I.Q. would get higher. He put the question to Haley by asking him to clarify how much an individual can expect to gain through TM. He said "next you people will be telling us that TM will even improve your sex life."

Haley then had to defend himself and the TM program by answering the questions brought to his attention by Sterk.

Ms. Ornelaz was finally introduced, and presented "more of the falacies of the TM propaganda," such as how commercial it has become, as well as how practical it really is to rave about something such as TM which has failed for some people who have tried it.

Both Sterk and Ms. Ornelaz were merely trying to show these attending that the TM program is not fool proof.

At the end of the performance, those who walked in confused walked out even more confused. Those who thought it was a joke from the very beginning just kep on laughing.



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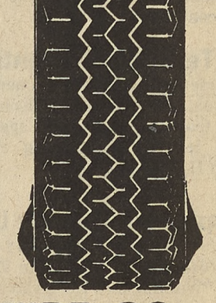

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Film To Show African Life

The Los Angeles Valley College Community Services will present a travelogue and lecture film series, entitled "West Africa's New Rivieras" Sunday Jan. 11 at 3 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

Bill Madsen will be narrating during the presentation of his film. Madsen served with Air Force Intelligence during the second world war, where he spent most of his time in India. While there, he took part in an expedition into Tibet. This adventure gave him the inspiration to continue traveling on his return to civilian life and to use motion pictures as a means of sharing his experiences with others.

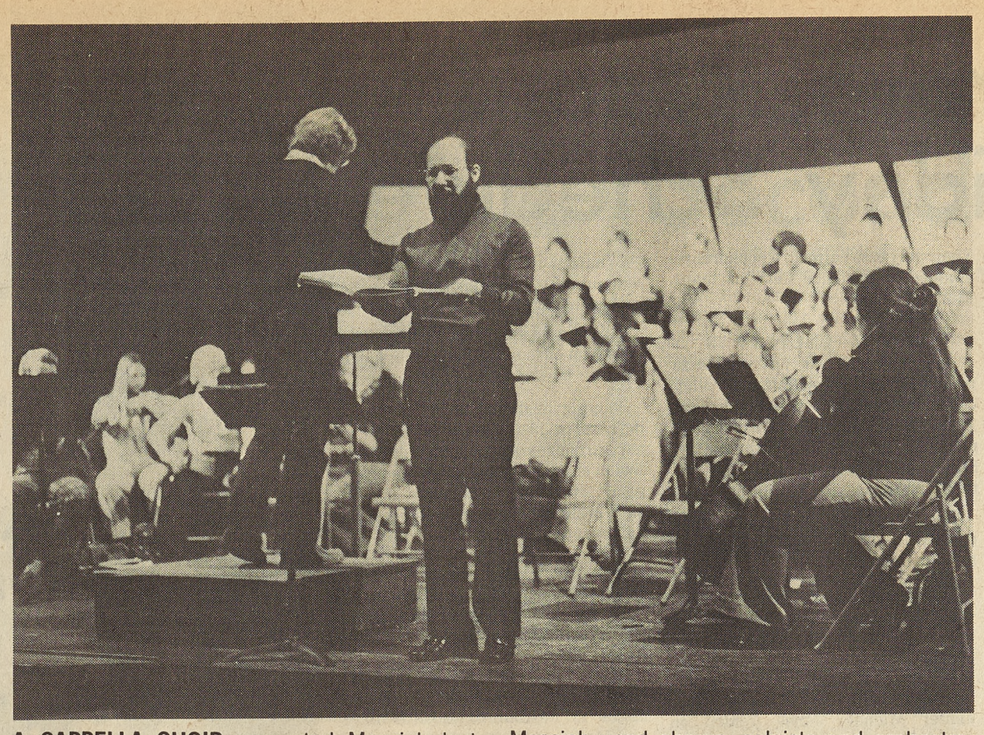
He has contributed stories and articles to various newspapers and magazines, and has written two books. Madsen once traveled around the world doing research for his planned film lectures.

He is now engaged in a long range program of circling the globe again, this time with his cameras and other film-making equipment. His ambition is to touch every continent and capture the life-styles of as many of the world's people as possible. He is hoping that his audiences will enjoy sharing with him his realization that "there is but one world for all of us."

Madsen will cover four countries; Senegal, Ivory Coast, Ghana and Mali in his program about West Africa. The film, appealing to both tourist and adventurer will compare the traditional habitat of the local citizenry with new resort areas designed to lure the foreign visitor. Crafts and various styles of dance in the various countries will be witnessed along with modern industries. There will even be a visit to a television studio during the production of a local program. Various aspects of life on the Sahara Desert are explored from stone-age Dogon country and a Moorish desert camp to the city of Timbuctu itself.

This is the first film of its kind to be made in this area of the world and should be interesting and entertaining to all.

General admission is $1., Valley staff and students with paid I.D. 50 cents, Senior citizens are free of charge.



A CAPPELLA CHOIR presented Messiah last night, Dec. 17, in the Mainstage Theatre. The Messiah, an oratorio which is a dramatic work frequently telling a sacred story. Written by G. F. Handel and conducted by Dr. Robert Chauls, Messiah used chorus, soloists and orchestra. Solo singer was Dr. Anthony Palmer; Soprano, Dianne Sells; Alto, Janet Smith; Tenor, Jim O'Neal; and orchestra was made up of faculty, students and community people.

Valley Star Photo by Michael Perla

Producer Fox, Gives Hopeful Actors Advice

By EDITH TSU
Staff Writer

"Mike Fox is one of the finest business (Actors Equity Union Association) representatives that an actor can have," said E. Peter Mauk, Chairman of the Theater Arts Department last Thursday. "Fox," Prof. Mauk continued, "will get in there and stand toes to toes with the best attorneys that management can find, and very often this will mean a battery of attorneys instead of one. Fox will meet them eyeball to eyeball and forcefully and fairly discuss and resolve the matter at hand."

Prof. Mauk made this comment following a talk by Fox, actor, director, producer, 1974 local Emmy winner, and union business representative who generated tremendous energy as he spoke before a house full of enthusiastic hopeful and established actors.

Fox began his speech by talking about the background and the history of the various theatrical trade unions.

He told how to get into the unions, their cost and functions and how to protect yourself so that you will be unfailingly paid once you are in the union.

"Unemployment is the greatest, and largely the most unsolved problem of the actor," Fox said. "At almost any given time, 80 per cent of Equity members have no jobs in the legitimate theater. And last year 27 theaters failed.

"Actors Equity association is a branch of the Associated Actors and Artists of America (Four A's), the organization for which performer unions derive their jurisdictional charters. It encompasses all professional performers in the legitimate theater in the United States and Canada.

"The Union's jurisdiction extends to Broadway, Off-Broadway, Touring Companies, Stock, Cafe-Theater, Repertory Theater, Industrial Shows, Dinner Theater, and Children's Theater. One becomes a member of Actors' Equity Association by joining upon signing an Equity contract with a manager or through reciprocal arrangements with Screen Actors Guild and/or American Federation of Television and Radio Artists."

"How can we join SAG?" asked one of the students. "All it takes is a letter stating that you've got a job," answered Fox. "You find and do a play and an agent or a producer sees you and he says he wants you and gives you a letter. You take the letter to SAG, pay $300 initiation fee and dues which amount to $42 a year, then you become a member. After you are a member for six months you may apply to the other guilds if you want."

"Do not go into any rehearsals without a signed contract," Fox warned. "You must be covered by a Union bond, it is the only sure way that you will get your money." But how do we know if the place is covered by a bond or not?" asked one of the students. "If you don't have a contract then you know you're not covered," replied Fox.

Pavol Stresses Perfection

By JENNIFER GARDINER
Staff Writer

Students seek him out for counsel, call him at home for advice, crowd his classes.

The man is Dave Pavol, freelance photographer and instructor of photography here at Valley.

His availability to students is constant, his desire to help people intense. "I want to give my students the best. Sometimes I'm up until one or two in the morning preparing for my class," said Pavol.

Pavol's ability and willingness to deal with people has not always been so vivid.

Prior to, and during his years in the service, Pavol was a playboy who looked out only for himself: "Every year I bought a new car to impress the people around me."

His self devotion changed to a devotion to God.

The "change" came during his apprenticship to Frank Bez, world-renowned photographer of women. After only a few months of shooting for Playboy under Bez's direction, Pavol's apartment was burglarized. His photography equipment was stolen along with other personal property. "All my material goods were gone and that was all that mattered to me. I was left empty-handed with nowhere to go," reminisced Pavol.

Feeling lost and abandoned, Pavol reluctantly turned to his local pastor for advice.

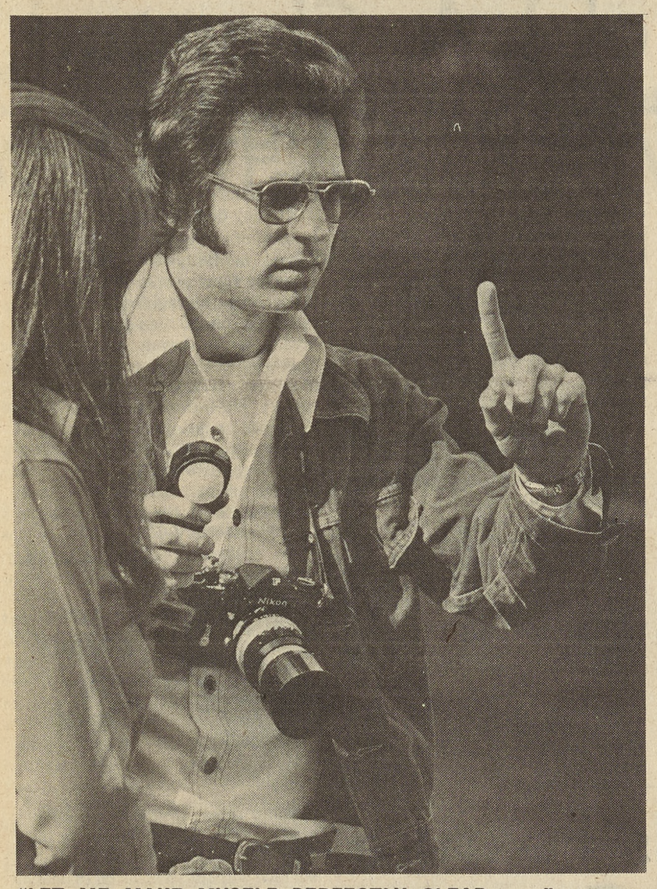
Since that fateful conversation, Valley's photography teacher made a concerted effort to lead the "Christian life," which in turn affected his photography. He switched from photographing nudes to shooting for religious publications.

It wasn't until Jan. 1, 1971 that Pavol truly turned to Christianity as the guiding light in his life. "For years I was forcing myself into religion. It was only when I let God work through me that my life began to change," said Pavol.

Pavol's faith in religion is not blind. He did a vast amount of research into Christianity, part of which was done during his years at Northridge where he received a bachelor of arts in religious studies.

Photography is the vehicle through which Pavol best expresses himself and God. Religion aids him in his approach to students. "I can relate to students now that I have peace of mind," stated Pavol. "Teaching satisfies me. It's a thrill when a student's face lights up with understanding. I remember when I was confused."

Pavol does not "push" his religion on anyone. He teaches photography and lives his religion. He wants this photo class to be the best and if you ask any student who has taken his class, it is.



"LET ME MAKE MYSELF PERFECTLY CLEAR . . ." stresses photography instructor Dave Pavol during a Saturday photography/modeling session.

Valley Star Photo by Bill Ross

'Cabiria,' Portrays Prostitute's City Life

By EDITH TSU
Staff Writer

In Fellini's "Nights of Cabiria" the men do not come off too well. They are depicted as very base characters.

This 1957 Academy Award for best foreign film begins with two lovers happily running through the fields and they laugh and tease one another until they reach the river's edge.

They, Cabiria (Giuletta Masina) and her boy friend Giorgio stand for a moment looking at the water below and the sky above and then they embrace. Suddenly Giorgio pulls the purse off of Cabiria's shoulders and lets it fall to the ground. Then in one simultaneous swope he leans over to pick up the purse and with an unexpected force he pushes Cabiria into the river.

The flesh is jarred and the stomach weakened as we watch Cabiria bob up and down in the water gasping for air and beginning to drown at the same time that we see Giorgio running up the hill with a broad smile on his face and Cabiria's purse clutched tightly in his hands.

One wonders if Cabiria is still water logged after she has been rescued and given respiration, for she immediately goes in search of her lover. She is convinced that the entire episode was an accident and none of her friends can tell her any different.

The part of the prostitute does not engender too much sympathy from the audience at this particular point in her life for Cabiria seems far too contented with her present life style. Unlike American films, where there is usually a large family or a sick parent to support, the prostitutes in this movie swagger about in spirited form in their local city park and they bicker about inconsequencial things while they wait for their customers.

Cabiria continues in her sordid ways until she makes a visit to the Madonna Shrine, and she goes to confessional while she is there.

She becomes dissatisfied with her life after this. She decides to go back to the city again.

She goes into a theater to see a live stage show and a hypnotist who calls upon his audience for help, prevails upon Cabiria to come to the stage.

While under hypnosis, Cabiria reveals many things about her life; and she pridefully mentions the little house that she has bought and paid for. The hypnotist introduces her to an imaginary lover whose name is Oscar and they have a very tender conversation.

After the show she meets a very nice looking man named Oscar. He is a government man he tells her and it is imperative that they meet again, for the name coincidence is just too much to let pass.

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Orchestra Fills Hall With Music

The Los Angeles Valley College symphony orchestra, the only full day community college symphony orchestra in Southern California, will perform in Monarch Hall Friday, Jan. 9 at 8 p.m.

The program will start with the "Overture to Der Meister singers," by Richard Wagner, and will be followed by J.S. Bach's "Brandonberg Concerto #4."

The concerto will feature three soloists, one on violin, Terry Elliott, and two on flute, Sharon Corner and Steve Auhauser.

After the intermission, the performance will conclude with Symphony No. 1 by Jean Sibelius.

Admission is free.

Ahmanson Offers Special Rate for 'Iguana' Drama

The Center Theater Group/Ahmanson, as a special Christmas theatrical offering, will have reserved student tickets at a reduced price of $3 for the Dec. 22 through Jan. 2 holiday performances of Tennessee Williams' award-winning drama, "The Night of the Iguana." The production stars Richard Chamberlain, Dorothy McGuire, Ramond Massey, Eleanor Parker, and directed by Joseph Hardy. The production opens at the Ahmanson Theater of the Music Center tomorrow.

Reserved student tickets can be purchased at the Ahmanson Theater box office in advance or at the time of the performance. Mail orders will also be accepted. Send to: Ahmanson Theater Box Office, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012. A Student I.D. card or copy is required, and entitles the student to purchase two of these especially priced tickets.

The CTG/Ahmanson attraction plays nightly, except Sundays, at 8:30 p.m., with matinees on Thursdays and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. There will be no performances on Christmas or New Year's day. These performances have been moved to the matinee and evening of Sunday, Dec. 28, and Jan. 4.

Scholarship, Tutoring Goal Behind TAE Fund Raiser

Scholarships and tutoring are the main goal behind the fund raiser being held by the Tau Alpha Epsilon Club on Monarch Square this week. A bake sale and a jewelery sale with proceeds going into a scholarship fund is helping to promote interest in campus activities.

Lee Nightingale, president of the club, stressed the importance the club holds in rewarding those members for outstanding achievements in tutoring students and participating in campus service activities. "The club is involved with many different elements on campus. We strive to help those in need of specialized help in their chosen majors. Also, we work as a service organization setting up various events, such as the recent Dean's Tea," he said.

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Monarchs Improve Record; Face Busy Holiday Schedule

By RON YUKELSON
Sports Editor

Seemingly on the road to success, Valley College's basketball team continues their busy schedule, having entered Chaffey's first round tournament action yesterday. The tournament runs through December 20.

Over the Winter Break Valley travels to Glendale at 7:30 p.m. on December 23 and enters the Santa Monica Tournament on December 26. They then open their Metropolitan Conference season at East Los Angeles on January 6.

The Monarchs have played 11 games in the first 16 days of the 1975 season and have already surpassed all of last year's output, when they finished 4-24, compiling a nifty 7-4 record.

"Considering our schedule of 11 games in 16 days, we're very fortunate to be 7-4," said head coach Jim Stephens. "I feel that of the four games we've lost, we could have won each one. With a new coach, systems, and philosophies this year, we're making a lot of progress."

Valley competed in four contests last week, winning three of them. Their only loss came to a sophomore-studded, experience Cerritos team, 91-83.

Valley 87—CSUN JV 78

After being tied at 17-17 with 10:23 remaining in the first half, the Valley cagers increased their margin to 39-32 at the half, a lead from which they never looked back, in routing the Cal State University Northridge JV team, 87-78.

The Monarchs continued their dominance of the contest following the halftime break.

Valley began to increase their lead, looking for the open shot and hitting the open man with crisp, clean passes.

Midway through the second half, center Michael Jones fielded an errant Northridge pass, dribbled the length of the court and put in a two-hand stuff shot to put LAVC ahead 61-49.

Northridge attempted to make a run at Valley late in the game, but were never able to close the margin to more than nine points.

Lonnie Buckner, averaging 20.5 points per game, hit 11 of 18 shots enroute a 27 point night. Jones scored 18, and guard Mike "Monty" Montgomery added 11.

Cerritos 91—Valley 83

Down by only two at the half, Valley allowed Cerritos College 54 second half points, succumbing to the Falcons 91-83.

Cerritos was constantly left with open shots inside as 6-8 center Willie Howard capitalized on the Monarch defense for 30 points.

Valley impatiently took bad shots at the basket, not looking for the open man, and were weak on the defensive boards allowing Cerritos two and three shots everytime downcourt.

Cerritos opened up leads of 10 points twice in the second half, but led by reserve Russ Peterson's hot shooting hand, closed to within five each time. Peterson finished the game with 16 points.

Buckner added 23 along with 14 rebounds and forward Paul Posthumus had 18. Jones scored 16 and pulled 10 caroms off the boards.

Valley 82—Moorpark 72

"We could have made it a little easier on ourselves," said Stephens, "but we lacked that killer instinct."

Playing basically a man to man defense in 1975, Stephens began to experiment with a zone defense, which caught his Moorpark counterparts off-guard. Moorpark scored only eight field goals in the second half as a result of it.

However, Valley lacked intensity and patience during the second half, and the results were they were played even by Moorpark for the final half of play.

Dave Camp led Valley with 17 points, followed by Buckner's 15, and Jones' 12. Posthumus added 10 more and Montgomery had eight.

Valley 74—SD Mesa 69

The final margin of five points, 74-69, does not tell the story as Valley closed out the week with a victory over San Diego Mesa.

Up by 10 points at halftime, the Monarchs increased their lead to 14 points during the second half before Mesa went into a pressing, gambling defense with five minutes to go in the contest.

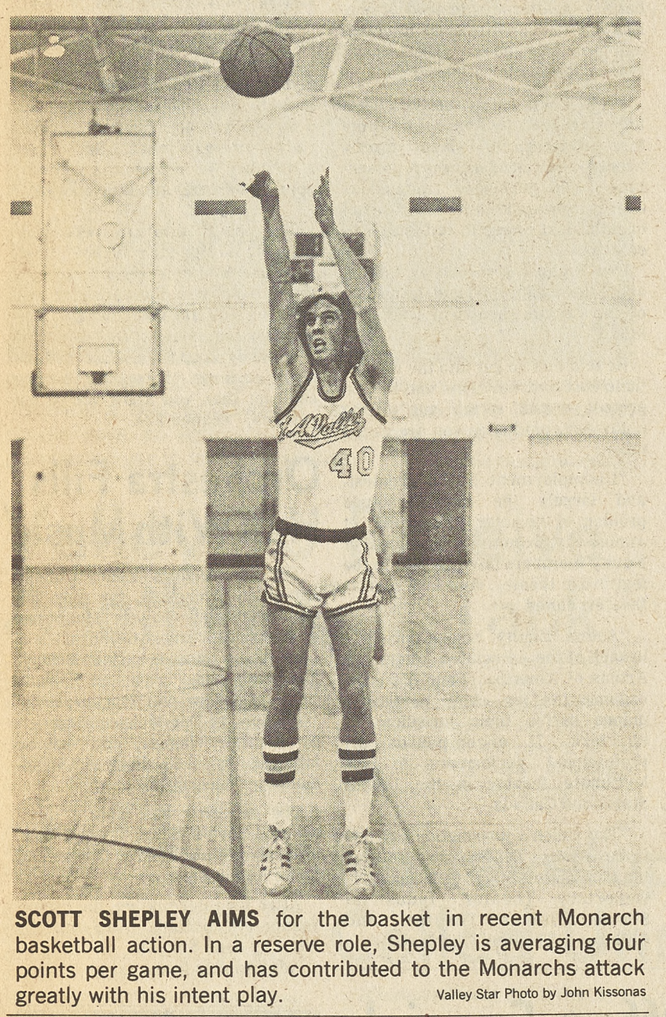
San Diego pulled to within five, but Valley began to work the ball around, stalling for time. Mesa had no other recourse but to begin to foul. Buckner, Jones, and Montgomery hit six clutchfree throws (two each) in the final 30 seconds, to ice the game.

The Monarchs hit 14 of 15 free throws in the contest, and shot only 56 shots during the entire game, but were able to drop 53 per cent of them.

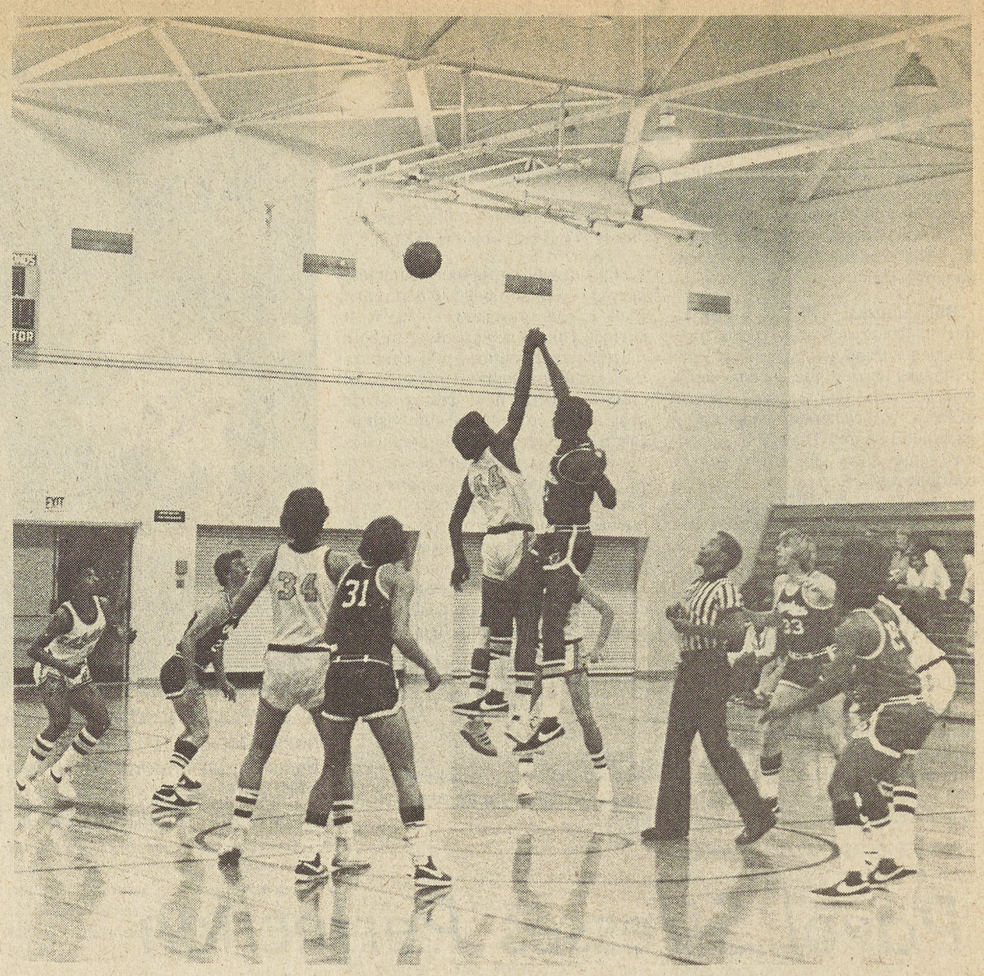
"Our zone defense caught them off guard," said Stephens. "We have consistently outscored opponents from the field, but were fouling too much. This resulted in being outscored badly from the free throw line."

Buckner scored 23, Jones had 17, Posthumus 10, and Montgomery nine.

"There was some letdown," said Stephens, "but it was one of our better efforts of the year."



SCOTT SHEPLEY AIMS for the basket in recent Monarch basketball action. In a reserve role, Shepley is averaging four points per game, and has contributed to the Monarchs attack greatly with his intent play. Valley Star Photo by John Kissonas



SKY HIGH—Center Michael Jones leaps against Cerritos center Willie Howard at beginning of contest against the Falcons. At only 6-4, Jones compensates for his lack of height with outstanding jumping ability. An adept shooter, Jones is averaging better than 12 points per game. The cagers face a busy holiday schedule, beginning with the Chaffey Tournament, which concludes December 20.

Valley Star Photo by John Kissonas

Potential of Valley Athletic Dept. Told

By KEVIN BURKHOLDER
Staff Writer

"This schools philosophy just does not give the stature that other schools give to their athletic directors. The director of Bakersfield College went right into acting president at Porterville. That would never happen here at Valley," said George Goff, LAVC Athletic Director.

Athletic director at Valley College for four years George Goff continued by adding that "this school's philosophy towards sports is the ultimate point in deciding the success of the athletic program."

"A priority system must be used on every campus to decide where a department stands in relation to the others. On Valley College's campus it is scholastics that rank higher than athletics," said Goff.

However it is Goff's job to see that athletics are not completely obscure at Valley.

Goff started his career at Valley in 1964 as an assistant football coach with the promise of becoming head coach in '65. Then in '70 he was asked to fill the job of athletic director.

Enjoying his work as director, Goff says that it is a job with regular office hours, five days a week. During football and basketball season the weekends are usually worked the same as any other weekday.

"Because this school does not draw people as a larger one would," Goff said, "one of my jobs is to find talent, both in players and coaches. Coach John Becker didn't just walk up and ask if there was an open job. I had to go out and find him."

Goff added that he was pleased with Becker's work. "It's nice to be in the limelight for a change."

But the limelight is also shining on the water polo team who is in third place and the cross-country team who is sharing the first place spot.

In charge of 18 to 20 coaches, depending on the season, with 12 different sports programs throughout the year, Goff says that being director is a "large job."

"Most students that go to a junior college do so because they don't have the money to go to a four year school. If an athlete gets a scholarship to a four year school after leaving here, he is in a state of heaven."

VC Squadmen Given Awards At Ceremonies

The Valley College Touchdown Club sponsored the second annual football banquet, hosting over 350 persons at the Castaways restraurant in Burbank.

Co-Players of the Year were Wendell Henrikson and Floyd Perry. Most Inspirational were the "devils triangle" of Chris Escalante, Tony Kippes, and Jon Phillips.

Bill Moore and Chris Orr were dubbed Most Improved, and the team captains for 1975 were Steve Tully and Gordon Bachman.

Valley's diminutive but gutsy center, Danny Arnett took Most Valuable Offensive Lineman honors and Jack Steptoe was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player.

Nik Vukelich was the Most Valuable Defensive Player, and Marc Honsberger and Calvin Barnhall were Valley's Most Valuable Defensive Linemen.

The Coaches Consistency Award went to Jay Fisher.

At last night's Water Polo banquet, held at the Heidelberg restaurant in Van Nuys, Coach Bill Krauss announced Gary Henson (first team), Randy Craft (second team) and Joe Mathiason and Marty Kutylo (honorable mention) were named to the All-Metro Conference team.

Gary Henson was awarded the Most Outstanding Player award, with Dean Prophet taking Most Inspirational and Richard Thompson being named Most Improved. The captain of the water polo squad for 1975 was Randy Craft.

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Basketball Crowds Near Non-Existent

RON YUKELSON
Sports Editor

On my way in I didn't recall seeing QUARANTINE signs posted on the Men's Gymnasium. But after viewing the sparse crowds for Valley's first two home basketball games, you can be sure I went outside to check.

It was if someone let the word out that Typhoid Mary was going to be among the spectators for the games against Northridge and Cerritos. I went home and turned on the 11 o'clock news to make sure the San Fernando Valley hadn't suffered a flu epidemic.

I'd estimate that for the cager's first two games a combined crowd of not more than 100 persons attended. And that figure is generous. You'd figure that many people would come in to get out of the cold.

Valley students have proven that given a winning and exciting product they would attend en mass. Last year's (1974) inept football squad drew poor crowds at best. However, 1975's winning team filled the stadium.

It is really a shame that junior college basketball ranks right up there with the World Football League as far as attendance is concerned.

The 1975-76 edition of the Monarch basketball team is exciting. First year head coach Jim Stephens has initiated a running offense coupled with a sharp defense that has proved to be a combination good enough for victory. The cagers have already surpassed last year's outpout of victories.

Nothing turns a crowd on more than a dunk shot, and junior college basketball is the only organization outside of the pros in which the dunk is allowed.

However, nothing turns a team off more than playing before silence. Some athletes will tell you they are oblivious to the noise of the crowd when competing, but don't let them fool you. An athlete appreciates nothing, more than the roar of the crowd or a loud ovation in appreciation of his efforts.

No excuses are needed, and no one will make fun of you if you tell them you're going to view a Valley College basketball game.

So whether you want to see an exciting basketball game, have nothing better to do, or simply want to get in out of the rain, stop by the Men's Gymnasium on January 9, at 8 p.m., to see the Monarchs open their home conference season against Long Beach City College.

Placement Office

Besides directing students to potential employers, the Valley College Placement Bureau provides comprehensive services ranging from tutorial assistance to vocational information and counseling. The office is located in Room 116 in the Campus Center and is open daily from 9-12 and 2-4 p.m. as well at 6-9 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

CRAZE TAKES SO. CAL BY STORM

Streets of L.A. Changed Into Virtual Skating Rinks

One of the fastest growing sports in Southern California as far as participation is concerned is a sport you probably have never heard much of—street hockey. More and more young people are taking up the sport because of the fun and excitement it offers.

Street hockey is quite similar to ice hockey. Although ice hockey is played on ice, street hockey is not played in the street. It is played on an asphalt surface, usually in a schoolyard or playground. The equipment used in street hockey is almost identical to that used in ice hockey.

Sticks (made of wood) are carried by each member of a team. Two nets, or goals, are used, with the ultimate objective being for the player to hit a small, hard rubber ball into the goal past the goaltender. Depending upon how many guys (or girls) one can round up, anywhere from eight to twelve players can participate in a game.

The teams are made up of two wingers (left and right wing, alias the scorers, two defensemen, a center, and a goaltender (the last line of defense). This is identical to ice hockey. The game is split into three or four periods of 20 to 30 minutes each (depending upon the length you want to play). The main thing to remember about street hockey is that every team that plays has a different set of rules, with the number of players, the equipment, and the times of the periods varying.

One may have noticed the constant comparison of street hockey to ice hockey. Why don't the people who play on asphalt play on ice instead? Three reasons; one, it costs an arm and a leg (maybe two legs) to rent an ice rink for a few hours. Two, many people don't know how to ice skate. Three, street hockey is just as fun, so why bother with ice? Street hockey is the Southern California equivalent to Canadian ice hockey.

Three brave souls who attend LAVC participate in this most grueling of games. They are John Charky, Tracy Martin, and Ray Richmond. Every Saturday afternoon at about 12:30, they descend upon the asphalt jungle of Van Ness Elementary School in Hollywood. There they meet the same people who they have been competing against for the last year and a half, men such as David Myers (a freshman at Cal State Northridge), Antoine Morcos (a freshman at LACC), Douglas and Robert McFarland (brothers from England, who play phenomenal soccer as well), Phil and Glen Harroway (brothers; the best players around) and Ken Brien (a former roller derby player with the L.A. Thunderbirds).

RAY RICHMOND
Staff Writer

Many rules similar to ice hockey apply to the games. Icing the puck (shooting the ball down the playing surface without an attempt to pass or shoot), offsides (a player without control of the ball preceeding a teammate with the ball into the opponents zone, and other small infractions—all are illegal in street hockey. Penalties are incorporated to prevent fights and punish guilty players. All ice hockey penalties (tripping, throwing your stick, charging, slashing, gouging, etc.,) are incorporated into street hockey, each constituting a two minute penalty.

Although street hockey is becoming popular, there are no leagues or organized teams in Southern California. Pick-up games (anybody you can find to play) are common in the Valley and all over Los Angeles, however. Street hockey is truly an extremely strenuous, but fun and exciting game which is easy to become proficient at.

Intramurals Feature Basketball Tourney

By NEIL CITRIN
Staff Writer

Valley College's Intramural program faces a busy final two months of the semester.

Only two teams are left in the 10 team basketball league and the championship game will be played in the men's gym today at 11 a.m.

The two match-ups going into Tuesday's action were: The Average White Team vs. The Hotshots from the Green Division, and the Bucks vs. the F-Ups from the Gold Division. The results were not known at press time.

In addition to the basketball championships, intramurals will also be presenting a wrestling tournament, a badminton tournament, and three-man volleyball championships.

Sign-ups for the wrestling tournament will run from Dec. 5 through 18. and will include all weight classifications. The tournament will start Tuesday, January 6.

Badminton will also start on this date. The reason for the late start, according to coach Al Verdun, is the enormous interest in the basketball championships. Both singles and coed teams will be engaged in the action in the Woman's Gym.

According to Verdun, the three-man volleyball team tournament will probably only last until today.

"We started volleyball on Nov. 25 but the sign-ups have been a little slow," he said.

Steve Butler will be taking over the intramurals program next semester.

There are several events that he has planned for the upcoming semester. There will be team softball, volleyball again, and tennis.

In addition, he is also planning a version of the Superstars competition.

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Rec Room Offers Students Comfort

By JENNIFER GARDINER
Staff Writer
and LEWIS "KELLY" FLOCK
Staff Writer

Basket weaving is out and pinball, pool, and air hockey are in. Valley College's Recreation Room offers this new form of therapy from the pressures and demands that go hand in hand with college.

The curator for this unusual asylum, John Stark, has a profound belief in the necessity of providing an atmosphere of informality and friendly competition to break up an inevitably tedious school day.

"Once students walk through my door, they forget their school problems and relieve those tensions which build up," said Stark.

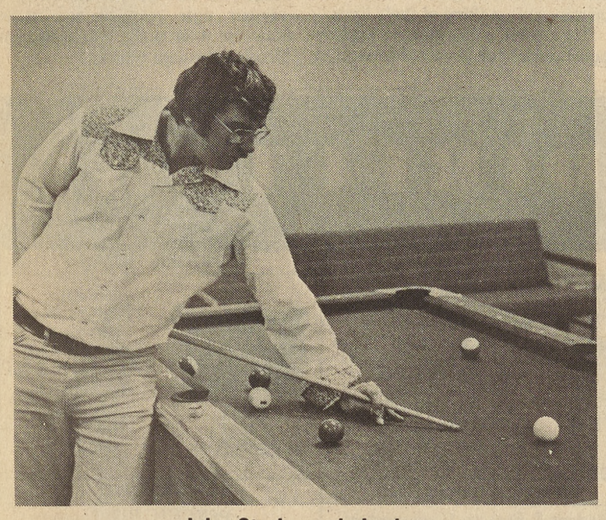
Maintaining an open environment is a full time job. "If this place got too crowded it would look more like an arcade than a recreation room and fewer students would come," Stark said.

Stark spends a great deal of time cleaning the Rec Room: "One aspect of making people feel comfortable is keeping it from looking like a dump. Since I love housecleaning, tidying up is more of a pleasure than a chore."

Stark traces his interest in helping people to his experiences in Vietnam where he witnessed the gross poverty and atrocities inflicted upon the war-stricken children.

Upon his return to the U.S., Stark acted on his feelings and became recreation assistant at the Panorama Recreational Center. This game him a natural outlet for his coaching desires with the opportunity to organize the children in various sports.

After five years of working with children and going to school, Stark graduated from Northridge with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation and came to Valley to work with "mature adults."



John Stark, pool shark

John Stark, pinball wizard

The director of the "Rec Room" continually strives for new ideas and programs to spur involvement. In February, he plans to stage a pinball tournament between USC, Northridge, UCLA, Pierce, and Valley.

Other plans include a "Super-Star Day" where the two top winners of pool, pinball, and air hockey will compete in a "decathlon" of all events to determine the over-all winner.

A girls pool tournament is also scheduled to increase the female population in the Rec Room. "This is not a man's room but a student room. Some girls feel intimidated by the number of guys in attendance," stated Stark.

Stark wants the Rec Room to be used with equal comfort by all. With this in mind, he spaciously arranged the equipment for use by the handicapped. His original idea to include a special pool table solely for the use of the physically restricted was discarded after handicapped students made known their preference to play on regulation tables.

Stark envisions the day when all students will feel the Rec Room is an extension of their living room. Working toward this goal, Stark wants to "get the word out" by visiting all classes to advertise the Recreation Room. "There is not enough public relations for this facility," complained Stark.

This new addition for student comfort at Valley is an overwhelming success largely due to John Stark's dedication and enthusiastic attitude toward making the Rec Room an enjoyable diversion from the regimentation of classroom work.

Women Cagers Cop Second in Tournament

By PAM WEENING
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

By defeating Pasadena for the second time this season, 79-51, the LAVC Women's Basketball team captured a second place title in their league and a berth in the SCCCIAC Tournament. (Southern California Community College Intercollegiate Athletic Council)

For the first time in three years the Monarchs failed to capture the league title, and during the first half it looked as if the Monarchs would fail to even take second place.

Valley's offensive plays did not materialize until the second half, and it was their excellent defense which kept them in the contest.

Shooting a cold 29 percent during the first half and an improved 35 percent from the floor in the second half the Monarchs had a difficult time stopping the enthusiastic Pasadena team.

Poor rebounding and several missed shot attempts produced a score of less than one basket per minute for the Valley team.

Erratic shooting, early foul trouble and several technical fouls, including one on the crowd for rude conduct, enabled the Pasadena team to come within four points of the Monarchs at half-time, 34-30.

The Monarchs trouble did not end with the beginning of the second half. Shooting was still poor and Valley was committing a lot of turnovers. Center Diane Manley and guard Sterlene Marshall fouled out.

Although Valley led throughout the entire game, it was not until seven minutes had passed into the second half when things began to look up for the Monarchs.

By 12:24, two Pasadena players had also fouled out and the Monarchs were leading by 11 points, 45-34.

Strong shooting during the last few minutes enabled the Valley team to break the game wide open and win it handily, 79-51.

The final game of the tournament will be played today at Fullerton. Previous tournament scores were not available at press time.

GUARD STERLENE MARSHALL dribbles upcourt enroute to a basket in Monarchettes win over Pasadena. Forward Charolette Thomas (10) and game's high scorer Robin Bonitz (21) position themselves under the basket.

Valley Star Photo by John Kissonas

Sides, Weber, Kippes, Grid Standouts, Make Transition to Wrestling Squad

By RAY RICHMOND
Staff Writer

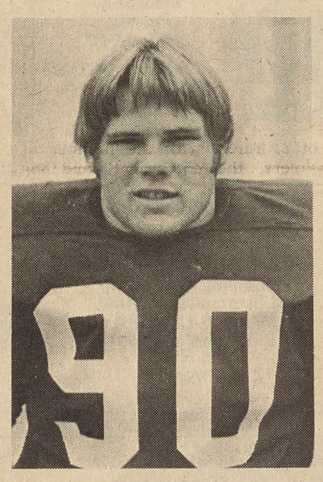
Craig Sides, Mark Weber, and Tony Kippes are three good reason why Valley's football squad had the unbelievably great season it did. They are also three good reasons why this year's edition of Monarch wrestling should be a contender for the Metropoliton League title.

They also aren't the type of guys you would want to be enemies with if you met them in a dark alley.

Each member of the "thrashing threesome" was a sports standout in school. Sides, a 6-0, 195 pounder, competed in football, wrestling, and track at Lawndale High. He was All-CIF as an offensive guard and linebacker in football, as well as an All-Star on the South Bay Lions. Sides was a CIF qualifier and league champion in wrestling and in track, he was All-CIF in the 440 relay. He also played a prominent role on Valley's Potato Bowl and Metro League champion football team this year.

Weber, the pride of VanNuys High, is a 5-11, 170 pounder who competed in football and wrestling in high school. He lettered three years in football, and played in last year's East-West All-Star Game. He was third in his league and fourth in the city as a wrestler last fall. He played guard on LAVC's football champs in 1975.

Kippes attended St. Genevieve High, excelling in football and track. The 6-0, 177 pounder was a first team All-CIF selection, as well as Defensive Player of the Year as a lineman in the El Camino Real League in football. He performed capably in track as well. Tony played nose guard on the 1975 Monarch squad.



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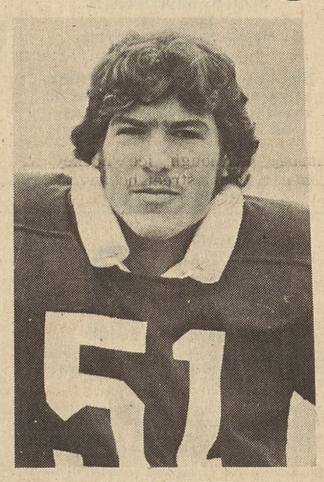

MARK WEBER

TONY KIPPES

When asked to compare football and wrestling, Sides replied, "Wrestling and football both require aggressiveness and balance in order for the performer to excel. The athlete uses a different set of muscles in wrestling than he uses in football."

"Quickness and agility are of the utmost importance in both football and wrestling," explained Weber. "Wrestling takes more out of the individual than does football. Although wrestling, like football, is very demanding, it is also very rewarding."

Kippes responded from a mental point of view. "In wrestling, one thinks more than he reacts. In football, every move is done more or less by extinct. A person learns self-control as a wrestler, both physically and mentally."

The three freshmen have performed capably but unspectacularly thus far in the wrestling season. Combined, they have won about half their matches. They figure to improve, however, as the season draws on. Each of them possess good strength and plenty of talent.

Coach Bernie Christian agrees that their improvement will be steady. "Wrestling is an individual sport, much more so than football, a team sport. The transition from football player to wrestler is a difficult one. In wrestling, the athlete competes against another of his same size and stature. The wrestler has no physical advantage over his opponent, which often isn't true in football."

Where will the trio go after graduation from Valley?

Sides—"I hope to earn a scholarship to a rural university, where I will both wrestle and play football."

Weber—"I hope to attend a four-year school upon graduation. I will continue my involvement in football and wrestling."

Kippes—"I will most likely go into the service, hopefully overseas."

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Club Continues Holiday Bazaar

By KIM WADSWORTH
Staff Writer

The English Club is currently hosting a "Holiday Boutique" that will continue through tomorrow.

Hand-made articles being sold include genuine calcite crystals from Providencia, Mexico, priced at 10 cents to 50 cents; green art nouveau design fold-over notes, priced at 10 for 75 cents; blue and yellow memo notes, priced at 8 cents each or 4 for 25 cents; and yellow posters, priced at 15 cents each.

The bookmarks which the club offers includes several designs which can be used for holiday cards and gift tags.

Any student who makes a purchase of $2 or more at the boutique will receive a free bookmark of his or her choice.

All purchases will be marked at half price tomorrow.

Susan Ellsworth, the club president, is also exhibiting interesting, creative ways on how to package these items to make unique inexpensive gifts. She is also displaying cards as gift tags and Christmas decorations.

The boutique is being held in Monarch Square from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Proceeds will go to Manuscript 21, the literary magazine which is put out every year by the English Club.

Film Festival . . .

(Continued from Pg. 5, Col. 5)

Cabiria is afraid to believe that anyone of this man's station in life could possibly be interested in her.

Cabiria has regenerated herself and begins to look forward to a lifelong relationship with Oscar. She is so filled with happiness and she feels in turn that a loving caring person feels the same way about her. She is deeply in love.

She goes into the city and she and Oscar have tea and when the bill comes she tries to pay for it from the large stack of money that she got from the sale of the house.

Oscar tells her to put her money away and suggests that they go for a stroll. They walk through a wooded area and Cabiria is laughing and gay and she stops along the way and picks flowers and offers them to Oscar. They come to a high cliff that is overlooking a large body of water and they stop.

"Can you swim Cabiria," Oscar asks softly. Cabiria looks into Oscar's eyes and then down into the water and in a blinding flashback she remembers what Giorgio had done to her. She looks searchingly into Oscar's eyes again and she sees the change in his face and his manner and she realizes that she has been deceived.

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The film is haunting and Fellini's superb directional sensitivity and perception are immensely felt by the strong acting performance of Ms. Masina and the cast who support her.

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Valley, CSUN Hillels Plan Annual Snow Retreat

By JOHN KISSONAS
Club Editor

The Valley College chapter of Hillel and the CSUN chapter will combine for the annual snow retreat Dec. 28 through 30 at Camp Komaroff in Lake Arrowhead. Hillel council is taking reservations for the trip. The cost of the event is $20.25 with an activity card and $22.25 without.

The retreats agenda will be decided on next week.

Hillel will be continuing their Israeli and International Folk Dancing during the winter vacation at Beth Hillel Temple. The dance is held on Tuesday evenings between 8 and 11 p.m. Admission is 75 cents without an activity card.

For further information contact the Hillel office at 994-7443.

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THE SKI LIONS have cancelled the planned trip to Badger Pass for lack of snow. The next big trip will be to Squaw Valley during the semester break.

The Ski Lions will host a Christmas party and broom-hockey game on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 10:45 p.m. at the Topanga Plaza Ice Rink. All members are invited.

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The International Rendezvous **FOLK DANCE CLUB** will feature a Balkan dance review night on Jan. 3, 1976. Gary Coyne will return to teach the Balkan dances during the instruction hour from 8 to 9 p.m. International requests will follow the instruction from 9 to 11 p.m. Admission for this weekly event will be $1 at the Field House door. For further information call 994-3698.

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ALPHA PI EPSILON will present a holiday bake sale today from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Business Journalism and Campus Center buildings. On sale will be a variety of baked goodies and Christmas candies.

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TAU ALPHA EPSILON will hold a scholarship fund raising bazaar in Monarch Square from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today and tomorrow. Featured at the bazaar will be R.A.N. Enterprises, a wholesaler of Indian-style jewelry, which includes necklaces, bracelets, and earings. The net profits will go to the T.A.E. scholarship fund.

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THE CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST will present a talk today at 11 a.m. in CC 214 on the topic of "Are the New Testament Documents Reliable as a Historical Source?" The discussion will be headed by Phil Bartell, a member of the Campus Crusade for Christ at Pierce College. All students who wish to attend this meeting are welcome.

CLUB NEWS

Recognized clubs on Valley's campus are invited to include their club activities, on or off campus but restricted to the general locale, in the Valley Star.

Club news should be left in the club editor's box, located in BJ114, by 2 p.m. on Monday for the following Thursday.

The Los Angeles Valley College **STUDENTS FOR TOM HAYDEN** a new club on campus will present its first meeting today at 11 a.m. in MS 101. The faculty advisor for this club is Leon Marzillier, an instructor of mathematics.

Luretta Warabow, the acting president of this new organization, would like to invite anyone interested in getting involved with the group to attend their meeting. For further information about the group and its function, call 467-5510.

Center for New Directions To Hold Workshop Series

"Women in their mid-thirties and beyond are probably the most under utilized asset in our society," said Lila Aurich, director of the Center for New Directions.

Emphasizing that the center is for all women, Miss Aurich said, "Our principle goal is to help women prepare for and cope with the fact that their traditional role as a full-time mother and home-maker now occupies only a third of their lives."

"The center helps them to explore opportunities for personal growth in rewarding new activities," she explained. A series of workshops designed to enable women to examine various alternatives are currently being offered at the center. Miss Aurich explained that the seminars are especially helpful to women uncertain of returning to school.

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